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COMMENT OF THE DAY

NEW SCHOOLS

THE primary school building programme announced earlier this week by the Director of Education is impressive and represents a maximum possible effort by various sections of the community to provide education for Hongkong children. Yet if the figure of 1,000 unregistered schools is to be believed, the maximum effort is not enough.

The Hon. D. J. S. Crozier states that the Department's aim is to give every child a basic education. He further states that the major headache is to give every child an opportunity to be educated at a decent, registered school. What militates against this is the "swollen child population, and the high birthrate." What makes the problem more difficult is that the birthrate is increasing each year.

CHILDREN

FIGURES of registered births show that whereas between 1947 and 1950 they totalled more than 200,000 (today's seven to 10-year-olds), the period between 1956 and 1959 will yield in 1966 a seven to 10-year-old group of approximately 400,000. On the other hand, figures given by Mr Crozier show that the building programme is forging ahead now at a spectacular rate.

Whereas in the two years to September 30, 1956 a total of 67 new schools providing places for about 30,000 children were built, a slightly higher number of places are to be provided in 48 new schools due to be completed before next March. And the long-term plans are even more impressive, with 116 new primary schools for almost 100,000 children in the next few years.

TEACHERS

THUS if there is concern now at the incidence of unregistered schools, the Director of Education's figures must at least form part of his reply to those who ask what is being done to combat this problem. It is difficult to see what other steps can be devised, but the best hope of any successful action lies in persuading parents that a better standard of education is available at registered schools and that the various safeguards implicit in a British education system are only to be had at schools which are registered.

Another heartening feature of Mr Crozier's report is that teacher training is being expanded (and standards are being maintained), which is most creditable to keep pace with the primary school development. But it is hoped that there will be sufficient to meet all requirements.

CONCERN

IF there is any concern to be expressed at Government's development plans it is with the secondary school programme. Children ought not to be deterred from going beyond primary school because of the lack of higher education facilities and the question is whether the ratio of one new secondary school to four primaries is enough to take the vast numbers who will be passing out of primary in the near future—indeed in a growing volume.

Perhaps the consolation here is that as yet no clear-cut policy has been decided by the Department and that the present ratio is adaptable. It is only to be hoped that no serious shortfall in educational facilities for older children will occur to necessitate a rationalisation of programmes that would jeopardise the present robust primary school development scheme which is, of course, vital.

HARBOUR BRIDGE: NEW MOVE

Govt Reserves Land In Morrison Hill

The whole question of the feasibility of a cross-harbour bridge for Hongkong has been reopened, it was revealed today. Government announced this morning that land in Morrison Hill is to be reserved for two years.

And although a Government spokesman said this decision "should not be taken as carrying with it Government's approval of the proposal that the bridge should be constructed or the adoption of any particular scheme for construction", the sponsors of the bridge scheme are now optimistic about the chances of a bridge being built.

Mr K. B. Allport, manager of Harriman Realty, sponsors of the bridge scheme, said later this morning that it was hoped to announce shortly the appointment of consulting engineers and that the promotion of the bridge would be undertaken by a new development company formed by Harriman Realty and Trust Company which would be charged with the duty of carrying out a detailed survey.

The Government spokesman said: "So that the feasibility of building a cross-harbour bridge linking Kowloon with the island can be fully examined, an area of land in the Morrison Hill district is to be reserved by Government for a period not exceeding two years."

He said that this reservation is being made at the request of a Hongkong firm, whose statements as to the practical possibility of building a cross-harbour bridge have been given publicity within recent months. "The purpose of the reservation," he said, "is to ensure that any scheme for a cross-harbour bridge in this area does not become impracticable owing to lack of land. (The question of land for a bridge does not present the same problems because development plans in the Chatham Road area are not so far advanced.)"

No Approval

The spokesman emphasised that the decision to reserve this land should not be taken as carrying with it Government's approval of the proposal that the bridge should be constructed or the adoption of any particular scheme for construction.

"The company concerned has been so informed," the spokesman said, "and has also been told that the decision to reserve the land should not be taken as one which in any way commits the Government to make land available."

The question of whether the Morrison Hill area is suitable for a bridge terminal is now to be examined. "Many problems concerning both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the area have to be considered," the spokesman said. He also revealed that arrangements have been made for the Hydraulic Research Laboratory in the United Kingdom to make a hydrographic survey of the harbour and to report whether current proposed reclamation works and also the construction of a bridge will adversely affect harbour facilities.

"Only when all the surveys have been completed will Government be in a position to consider whether the construction of a cross-harbour bridge is an acceptable project," the spokesman said.

"And here again, terms and conditions relating to such matters as construction, finance and control would have to be examined if the project were shown to be feasible and acceptable."

The Manager, Harriman Realty Co Ltd, Mr K. B. Allport, told the China Mail later

this morning: "Personally we are very satisfied with this news which at least indicates their realisation (Government) that cross-harbour communications will probably have to be improved to cope with the growth of the Colony."

"The qualification which Government makes regarding the reservation of land at Morrison Hill are fully appreciated and accepted and it is of course the promoters' responsibility to satisfy Government on the various factors connected with the construction of the bridge."

Bridge Would Affect Yaumati Traffic

The management of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Co. Ltd. admitted that a cross-harbour bridge would affect their vehicular service, but to what degree was not known.

Mr Lau Chan-kuok, Managing Director of the company, said he thought their passenger traffic would not be appreciably reduced.

Mr Lau had no knowledge of the latest development to survey a cross-harbour bridge scheme. He added that so far Government had not informed his company if it intended to build another pier to relieve the present vehicular traffic congestion.

"We have been promised by Government full co-operation from the various departments concerned to discuss the problems arising from the construction of a bridge and to determine whether these difficulties can be successfully overcome."

Traffic Problems

"The main departments concerned will, of course, be the Police with regard to traffic and it is hoped that from our discussions a new appreciation of the traffic problems of the Colony will be forthcoming as it will be necessary to study the problem further ahead than that which will be concerned solely with the bridge."

"It is the Marine Department which will be concerned with (Contd. on back page, Col. 2)"

US BOUND RUSSIAN JET LEAVES GOOSE BAY

New York, Sept. 4. A Soviet jetliner taking a 24-hour commercial aviation trail across the Atlantic stream toward McGuire Air Force Base tonight on the last lap of a "goodwill flight" from Moscow.

The first Soviet airplane to fly to the US in 20 years took off from Goose Bay, Labrador, at 11 p.m. and was due at McGuire at 2.10 a.m.

Empire Preference Allegation HK CHARGED WITH ASSEMBLING JAPANESE TOYS

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

London, Sept. 4.

British toy firms have alleged that Japanese manufacturers have flooded the shops with near-exact copies in identical wrappers of toy flutes, clarinets, telescopes and handcuffs. But the flutes are off-key, the telescopes don't focus and the handcuffs soon break.

MOTHER CUT DEFENDANT'S THROAT IN COURT

Prague, Sept. 4. The mother of a six-year-old girl who was killed in a tramway accident, whirled a razor out of her hand today in the middle of a trial, and cut the throat of the tram driver responsible for the accident.

The drama occurred in a court at Prague, where the tram driver, Václav Rys, was being tried for manslaughter in the death of little Alexandra Zechmanova.

Rys was rushed to hospital where his condition was considered desperate. The mother was arrested on charges of attempted murder. — France-Press.

American Drug Ring Cracked

New York, Sept. 4. Federal agents cracked a \$100,000,000 international narcotics syndicate today, shortly after a Federal Grand Jury accused nine men of conspiring to smuggle opium, cocaine and heroin into the United States.

US Attorney Paul W. Williams said the syndicate had been selling the drugs wholesale for the past five years, averaging about \$20,000,000 a year. Nine men named in the indictment were arrested early today—seven in New York, one in Baltimore and one in Washington, DC. Two of those arrested in New York were former customs agents.

Williams said the syndicate regularly sent buyers to Paris to arrange for the purchase of drugs. He did not disclose how they were smuggled into the US. More arrests are expected shortly, Williams said. — United Press.

LAST QUACK

Richmond, Va., Sept. 4. A wounded duck had its revenge when hunter Bill Jordan stuffed it in his pocket.

The duck pecked a .22-calibre cartridge in the pocket, causing it to explode and shoot Jordan in the heel.—United Press.

Said toy firm sales manager Arthur Pickles: "The Japanese are trying to scoop the market."

He claimed that the toy parts are made in Japan, assembled in Hongkong and then sold as "Empire Made."

Competition is so serious, he said that "my firm has had to discontinue five of its most popular lines. We cannot compete with the prices."

He said it was "wrecking our good name" and because so many toys fell to pieces his firm was blamed.

SAME THING

Pickles held up two boxes of toy clarinets and said: "We made this one but the other came from Hongkong. They both say the same thing: 'Plays full scale, rustproof reed, hygienic mouthpiece.'"

In London a Hongkong Government official refuted the allegations as "entirely incorrect."

He explained the goods coming into Britain under imperial preference are scrutinised by Customs for detailed costing. They would not stand up to that if they were made in Japan and assembled in Hongkong.

He said the Hongkong manufactured goods must have a minimum of 50 per cent Empire content and raw materials must have come from an Empire source.

PRODUCE PROOF

"A certificate of origin is required," he said. "Flicks should be challenged to produce his passport. The Hongkong Government will take action if proof of copying British registered designs can be shown."

An official of the British Toy Manufacturers' Association said last night "whoever is making these toys" must be restrained. They are exact copies of British designs but of much inferior quality."

French Govt In More Strife

Paris, Sept. 4. A state of great political tension developed here today which may result in the early overthrow of the Government or the paralyzing of its anti-inflation austerity policy.

The Farmers' Union, already in uproar against the Government for lowering the price of wheat, today came out for an early recall of the National Assembly, urging members of the Assembly to overthrow the Government if it refused to change its agricultural policy.

Most important development of the day was the decision of the executive of the Conservative Party (the Independent and peasant group with 103 members in the Assembly) to back the farmers' demands, including an early convention of the Assembly and higher prices for wheat and milk.

Conservative Party leaders went into conference with the Prime Minister, M. Maurice Bourgoin-Maunoury, tonight. The Government today decided to recall Parliament around September 24 instead of waiting for the end of the summer recess on October 2.—Reuter.

Governor Pays Tribute To The Work Of WHO

A tribute to the excellent work that the World Health Organisation is doing by assisting individual territories to reduce or eradicate disease was paid by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

He formally opened the eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific at the Grantham Training College, Kowloon, this morning.

In his address, His Excellency said that the best evidence of the success of the United Nations was to be found in the work of the specialised agencies. "WHO, with its belief that the highest attainable standard of health is one of the fundamental rights of every human being, exemplifies this success in the way best understood by the ordinary people of the countries in which it works," he said.

"Good health lies at the root

Officers Elected

of contentment and success in life. Both by helping individual territories to reduce or eradicate the most formidable obstacles in the fight for these ends, and also by providing the co-ordinating force by which all countries can join in a world-wide campaign for the promotion of health without regard for national boundaries, WHO has won for itself a very special place in the affections and interest of mankind," the Governor said.

His Excellency, who arrived with his ADC, Mr A. White, was escorted to the rostrum by Dr J. Bierdrager, Netherlands delegate and outgoing Chairman; Dr L. C. Fane, WHO

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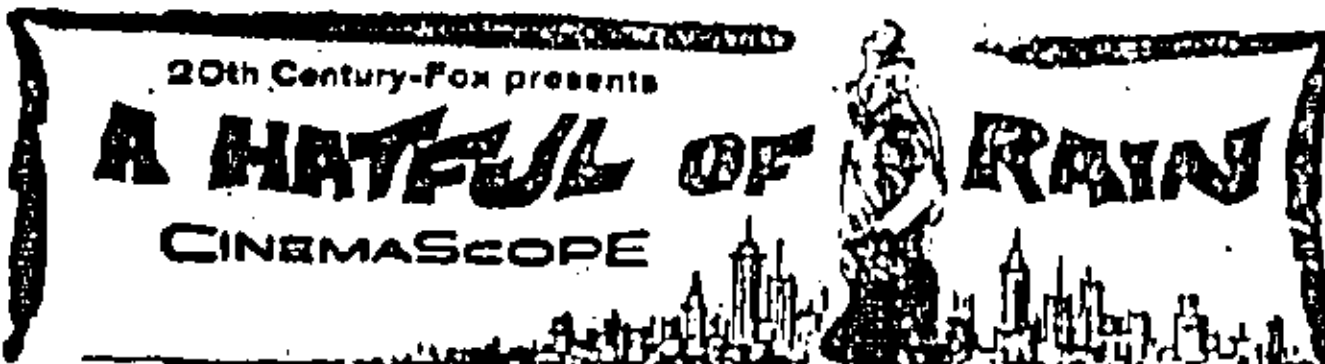
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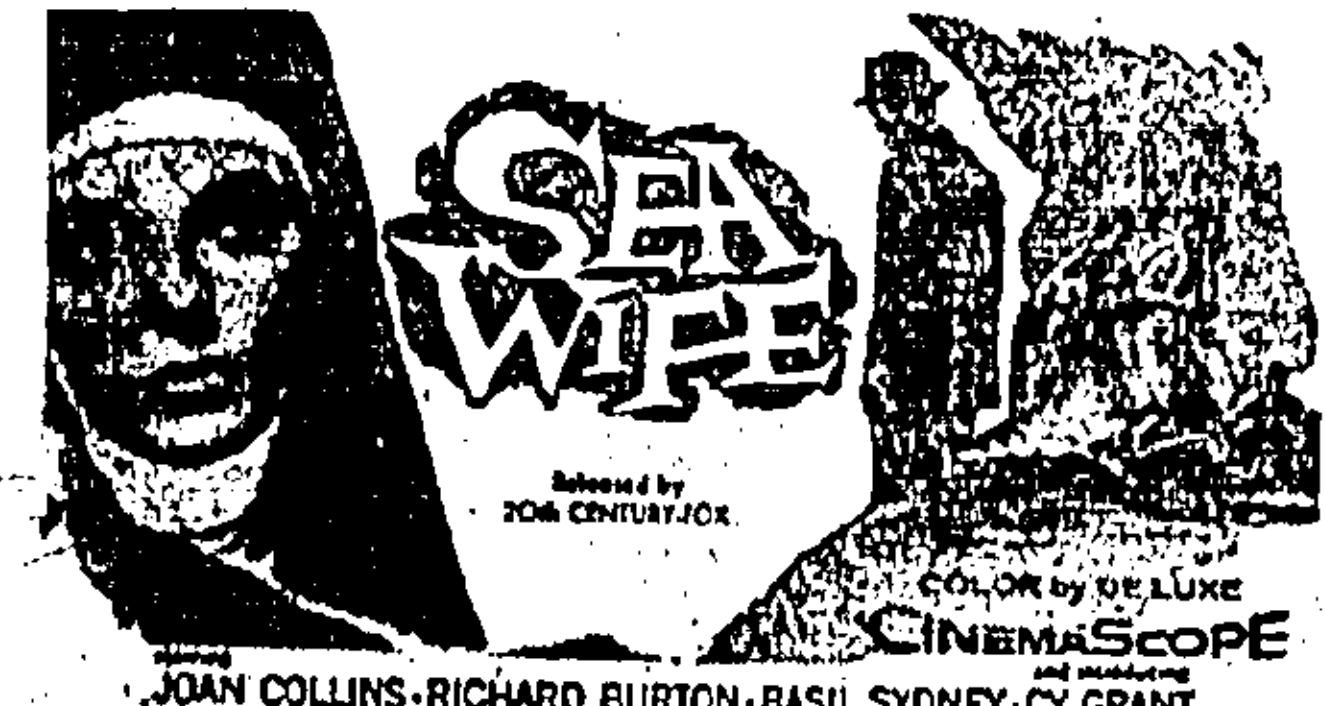


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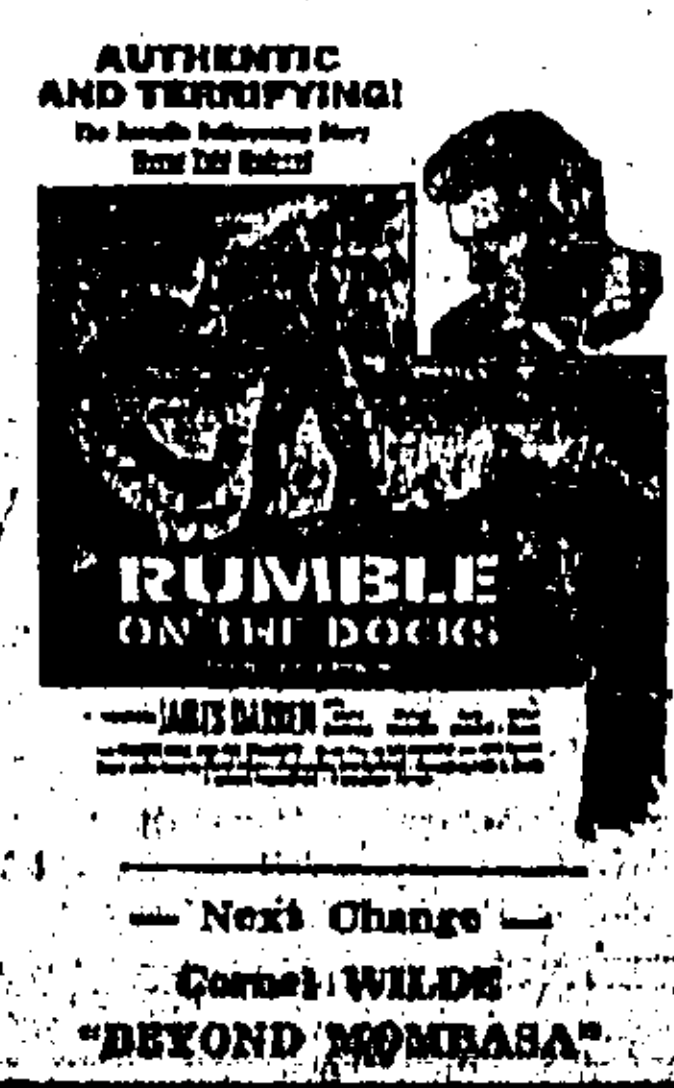
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SOVIET NOTES' REACTION

Washington Calls It Propaganda Rehash

Washington, Sept. 4.
The Soviet Union has
warned the big three
Western Powers that
any moves to draw
Middle Eastern na-
tions into military
alliances could have
"dangerous conse-
quences."

In notes to the United
States, Britain and
France, the Soviets
also declared they
would hold Western
Powers responsible
for any trouble in the
explosive Middle East.
The State Department
said that the Soviet note,
delivered to the American
Embassy in Moscow yester-
day, merely repeated pre-
vious Soviet statements on
the Middle East.

Consideration

"If we find anything con-
structive in the note, it will
be given serious considera-
tion," a State Department
spokesman said.

Officials said later that the
note appeared to be a "propa-
ganda rehash" of previous
Soviet proposals on the
Middle East which have already
been rejected by the West.

In their latest note, the
Soviets repeated previous
proposals that the West join in a
Big Four pact to pledge non-
interference in the internal
affairs of Middle Eastern
countries and renunciation of
moves to enlist these countries
"in military blocs." The United
States, Britain and France told
Russia last June 11 that such
a declaration "is unnecessary."

The Soviets also have rejected
another proposal made in June
by the West that the Soviet
Union could take any steps to-
ward Middle East peace and
security "by working construc-
tively within the United
Nations."

Jordan Crisis

The Russians said that the
existence of the United Nations
did not prevent US Sixth Fleet
manoeuvres in the eastern
Mediterranean during the crisis
earlier this year in Jordan.

This fleet manoeuvre was
described by the Soviets as a
"show of forces."

Russia also contended that
the United Nations and its
Charter did not prevent a
British and a French attack last
autumn on Egypt. They charged
that the Eisenhower Middle
East Doctrine is contrary to
provisions of the United
Nations Charter.

Experts studying the Soviet
note said its tone suggested
that the Russians are laying
the ground work for a Middle
Eastern propaganda offensive
in the forthcoming UN General
Assembly.—United Press.

TAXED ON WHAT YOU SPEND

New Delhi, Sept. 4.
India's Lower House of
Parliament today passed
a bill — first of its kind
in the world — to tax the
country's richest people
according to the amount
they spend.

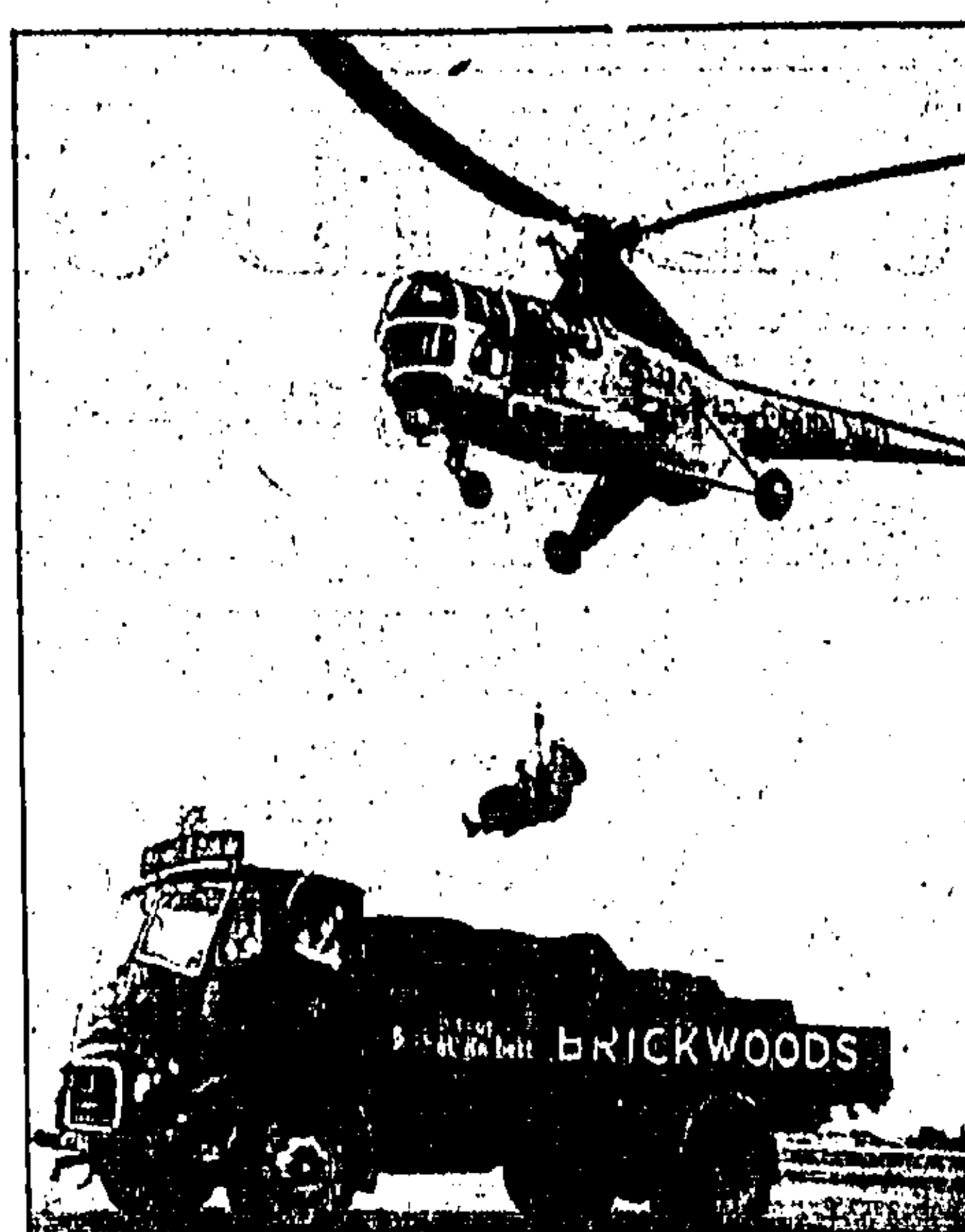
People with a net income
above 36,000 rupees (about
£2,700) a year — there are
estimated to be about 8,000 of
them — will have to pay a new
"expenditure tax" on their
spending above 30,000 rupees
(about £2,250) of three per cent.

For the first 10,000 rupees
(£750) they spend above 30,000
rupees they will be taxed ten
per cent, for the second 10,000
they will pay 20 per cent, and
so on up to 100 per cent.

EXEMPTIONS

Some exemptions have been
made for purchases of books,
doctors fees and pilgrimages
abroad. The bill is designed
to stop "squander — busts,"
catch tax-dodgers, and encour-
age savings and investment.
It is one of three such
measures put forward by Mr
T. T. Krishnamachari, the
Finance Minister. The others
are a Wealth Tax Bill which
taxes the total assets of in-
dividuals and companies (al-
ready passed) and a tax on
gifts (still to come).—Baker.

'STEALING' BEER



A Naval air display in aid of naval charities, was given
last Saturday at the Royal Naval Air Station, Lee-on-
Solent. Photo shows one of the items in the air display—
during which a barrel of beer is "stolen" from a brewer's
dray which is supposed to have broken down—and towed
away by helicopter.—Keytone Photo.

SUGGESTION FOR UNITED NATIONS PEACE FORCE

United Nations, Sept. 4.
Secretary General Dag Hammarskjöld reported
today that a "basic will to peace" exists
among the parties to the bitter Palestine dis-
pute.

While finding few, if any,
signs of progress towards settle-
ment of differences between
Israel and the Arab states, he
nevertheless held hope that the
United Nations and the govern-
ments concerned could work
together to lead the peoples of
the Middle East "step by step
upon this road toward a more
secure and promising future."

Hammarskjöld, in an intro-
duction to his annual report to
the General Assembly, also
noted that there had been no
further progress in settlement
of differences over Suez Canal
operation.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The United Nations, he said,
has two special responsibilities
in the Palestine issue — to
work toward a restoration of
the Palestine armistice agree-
ments, and to help solve the
problem of almost one million
Palestine refugees.

"There continues to exist, I
am convinced, a basic will to
peace in the area despite what-
ever signs there may have been
to the contrary," he stated.

"I would be the last to
minimise the very great diffi-
culties that lie in the way of
steps by governments which are
necessary in order to translate
this will to peace into concrete
progress toward peaceful solu-
tions. These difficulties must
nevertheless be surmounted."

Hammarskjöld said that
neither the UN nor the govern-
ments concerned would be

likely to achieve a solution slightly but, working together they might.

He said the United Nations
Emergency Force (UNEF),
formed late last year to help
restore peace, had been an
"important element" in the
maintenance of calm.

"The value of such a force in
situation like that in the Middle
East has, I believe, been fully
demonstrated and this value
should be preserved for the
future," he said.

The Secretary General sug-
gested that the United Nations
might wish to adopt a multi-
national UN Peace Force "that
could be activated on short
notice in future emergencies."

He reported that the Secre-
tariat had undertaken a study
of the idea of a permanent
UNEF.—United Press.

Suez Canal Development

Cairo, Sept. 4.
Egypt's nationalised Suez
Canal authority will announce
this month a development plan
aimed at allowing super-tank-
ers of up to 40,000 tons to
pass through the Canal, the
daily Al-Ahram reported today.

The authority's Chairman,
Mahmoud Younis, will make
the announcement at a party
to be held on September 14 to
celebrate the anniversary of with-
drawal of foreign pilots from
the Canal, the daily said.—
France-Press.

Paris Says No New Proposals

Paris, Sept. 4.
The Soviet note to
France, handed
over in Moscow
yesterday contains
no new proposal,
a foreign office
spokesman said
here today.

He said it was a reaffirma-
tion of arguments Russia
had put forward when
she called last February
for a Great Power de-
claration renouncing the
use of force in the
Middle East and was a
rebuttal of points ad-
vanced by France of the
previous exchange of
notes on this subject.

The spokesman said he could
not say whether yesterday's
Soviet note to Britain was in
similar terms.

Intentions

The note to France affirmed
Russia's peaceful intentions in
the Middle East.

The notes to Britain and
France are the fifth in a series
on the Middle East which began
with the Soviet proposal for a
Great Power declaration, re-
jected by the West.

It is understood that the note
to France regrets "that the West
has rejected the idea of a Great
Power declaration," attacks the
Eisenhower Doctrine as "an
instrument of American domina-
tion" and attacks France for
"collusion with Israel" and for
supporting the Bagdad Pact.—
Reuter.

HIROHITO TO GET NEW PALACE

Florence, Sept. 4.
The new palace of Emperor
Hirohito in Tokyo will
be inspired by the famed
Florentine School of
architecture, Shokiro
Obata, Deputy Chief of
the Architectural Section
of the Imperial Palace,
said today.

Obata said reason of his visit
to this City, cradle of Italian
art, was to make a special "on-
the-spot" visit to the palaces of
the Signoria and of the Medici
family.

Obata, who is accompanied
by Kikuo Suzuki, Superinten-
dent of the Imperial Palace,
said: "I have received orders
to present to His Majesty new
plans for his Imperial Palace
as the old one was damaged
during World War II."

"Would not copy
before doing so," Obata
said, "I intend to study with ex-
treme care the Palazzo Della
Signoria and the palace of the
Medici family here."

He said that the Imperial
Palace would not be a copy of
either one of the two Florentine
palaces but he hoped to re-
ceive inspiration from the
Medici palace especially.

The Medici palace, situated
in downtown Florence, was
built in 1430 by architect
Michelozzo under Cosimo
Medici, grandson of the famed
Lorenzo II Magnifico.

The Florentine refer to it as
Palazzo Riccardi, after its late
owners.—United Press.

VICE PROBE CHAIRMAN ACCOSTED

London, Sept. 4.
Sir John Wolfenden, chairman
of the official vice inquiry
which reported today, went
out into the streets himself to
see the seamy side of London
life.

On Saturday night during his
committee's investigations the
staid, 51-year-old educa-
tionist strolled up and down
the city's most notorious
streets for an hour and a

half. He was accosted by
prostitutes three times.
The committee could not
presume any prostitutes
themselves to come forward
to give evidence. But four or
five male homosexuals gave
evidence voluntarily.

The committee's recommenda-
tion that homosexuality be-
tween consenting adults
should no longer be a
criminal offence is certain to
arouse widespread con-

trovery. But no early Cabinet
decision on the report is
expected.

It will probably be debated by
the House of Commons in the
new session of Parliament
beginning in November. The
Government will want to
gauge public opinion before
deciding whether a bill can
be introduced implementing
the recommendations.—China
Mail Special.

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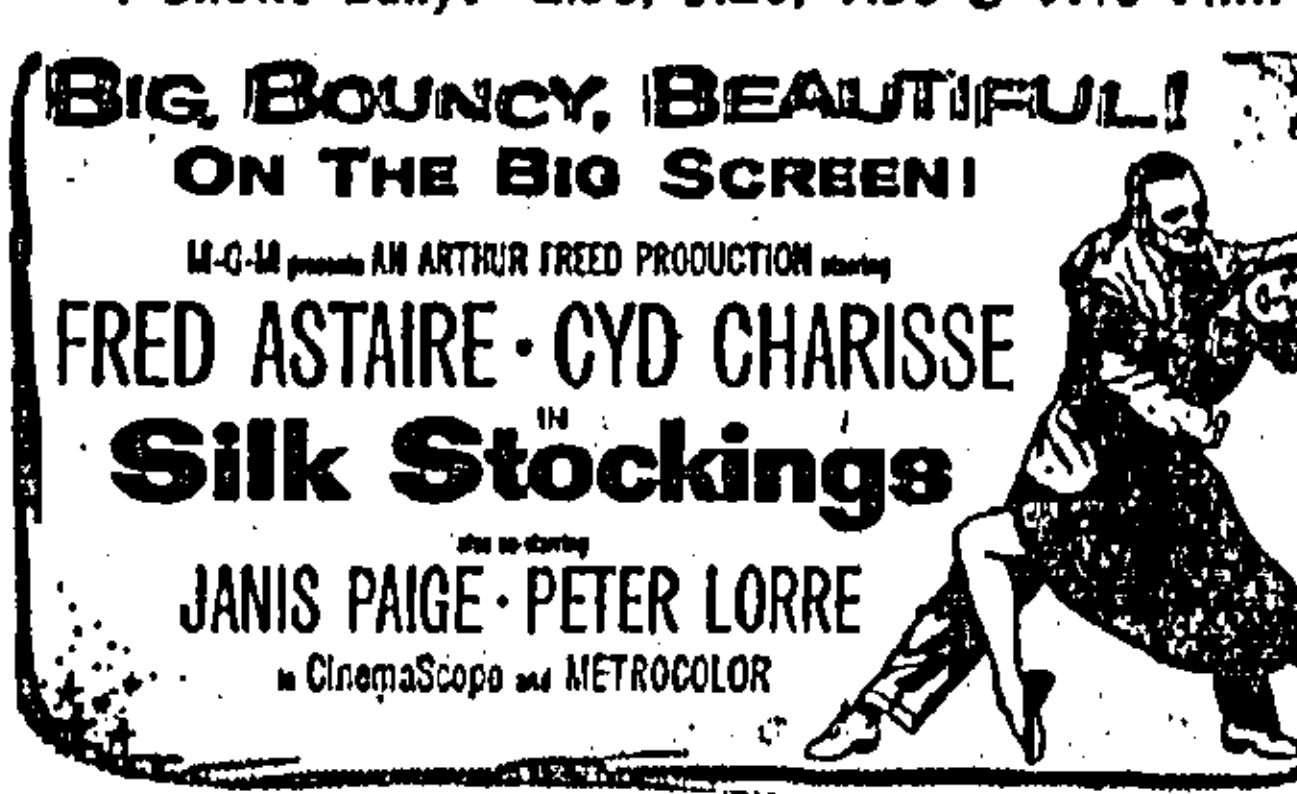
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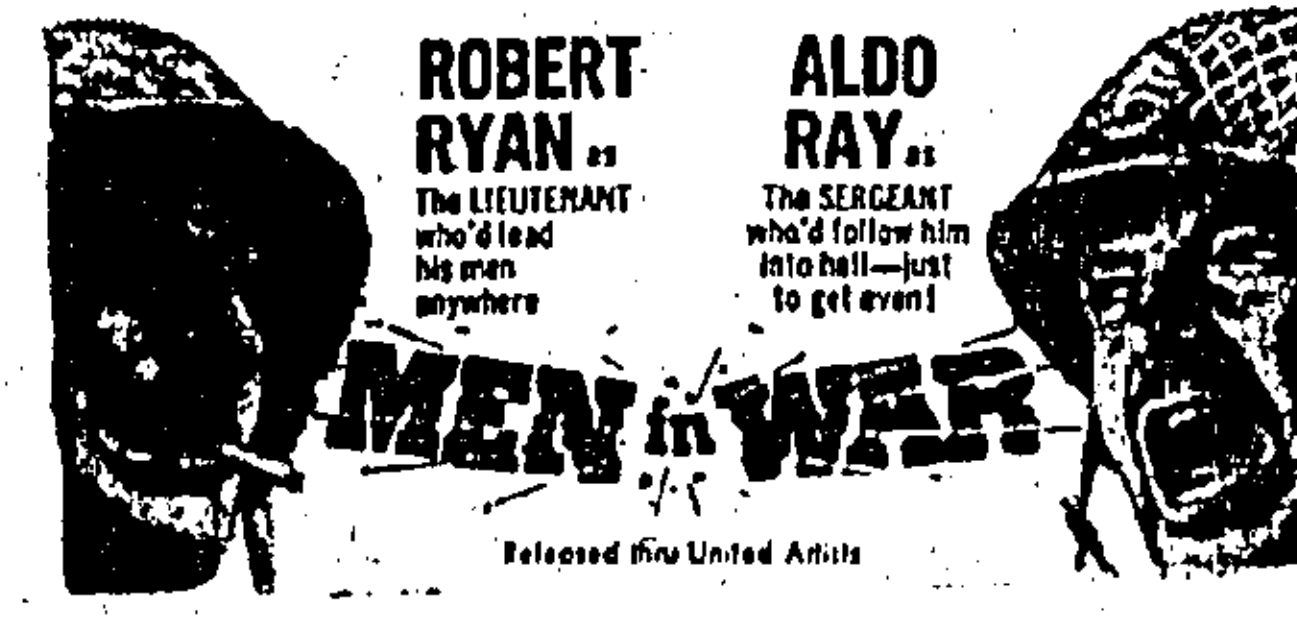
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Hammaraskjold's Re-Election Hits Snag

RUSSIA ASKS FOR POSTPONEMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING

By RALPH TEATSORTH

United Nations, Sept. 4.

A Security Council meeting to re-elect Dag Hammarskjold as UN Secretary-General has been indefinitely postponed at Russia's request, it was learned today.

The meeting had been unofficially set for tomorrow but the Soviets earlier this week notified the Council that the date was not to their liking. No new date has been fixed.

Western diplomatic sources privately accused the Russians of playing UN politics with Hammarskjold's re-election for a five-year term that would expire in April, 1963.

Connected With Hungary

These sources suggested that the Soviet's reasons for requesting a postponement were connected with the renewal of debate on Hungary. A special General Assembly session has been called for Tuesday to take up the Hungarian problem.

Russia gave no particular reason for requesting the postponement of a Security Council meeting on Hammarskjold's re-election. They stated that they were not ready for it and took the attitude that there was no reason for haste in any event.

In a sense there is no reason to hurry. Hammarskjold's first five-year term expires April 10, 1958. The Security Council would first have to approve him for a second term and then the General Assembly would have to vote in secret ballot for his re-appointment. The regular Assembly session opens on Sept. 17 and probably would end just before Christmas.

Hoped To Obtain

Most of the Council members, including all Western delegations, had hoped to obtain that body's approval prior to the opening of the regular Assembly session. There were indications that Hammarskjold himself was agreeable to such procedure. Neither the Soviet Union nor any other member has expressed opposition to Hammarskjold's serving another term. The Swedish diplomat has commanded the support and respect of the entire organization so far as is known. No other candidate for the Secretary-Generalship has been suggested openly or otherwise.

The West, in effect, accuses Russia of stalling on the Hammarskjold re-election to enhance its bargaining position on any big issue that may come before the UN during the Assembly session. There was some indication that the Western member nations on the Security Council might consult with one another in an effort to find a way to force the Soviet hand on this matter.—United Press.

AMERICANS BACK IN PEKING

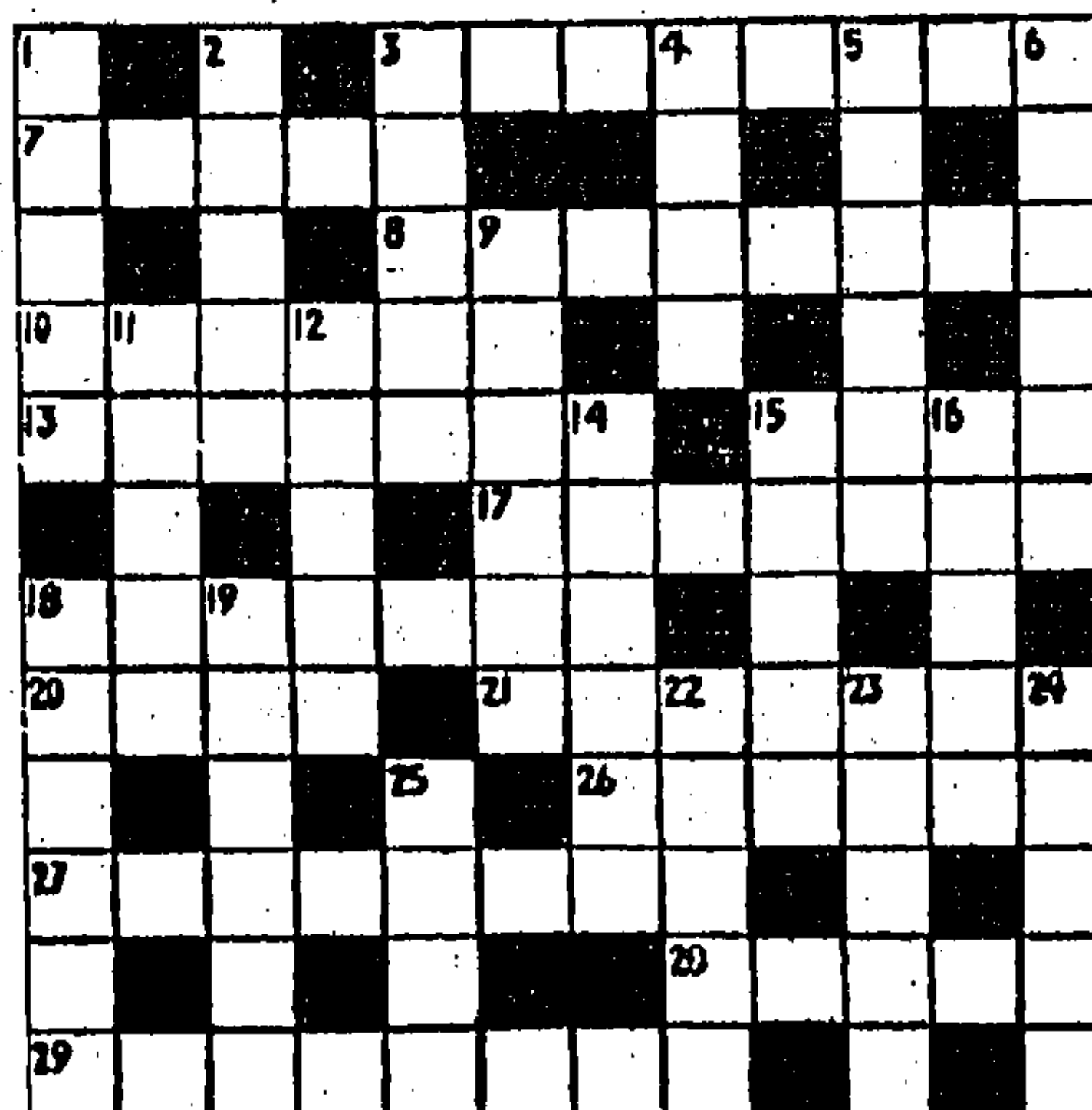
Peking, Sept. 4. A group of 41 young Americans returned to Peking tonight after a week-long tour of 2,000 miles through China's industrial northeast.

The Americans, who came here in defiance of a State Department ban after the Moscow Youth Festival, visited heavy industry plants in Changchun

and Dairen, and today toured light industry factories in Tientsin.

Among the places they saw was the factory which makes world famous "Dairen" carpets. They will have a three day rest here before continuing their tour to central and southern China.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
3. Rises that walk? (8).
 7. It's the end (5).
 8. Falling over oneself? (8).
 10. Not fresh fruit? (6).
 13. One of those things we have out? (7).
 15. Go up for more money? (4).
 17. Compulsively strict? (7).
 18. Jewellers' jewel? (7).
 20. Unwritten? (4).
 21. Stung? (7).
 22. Gambling den? (6).
 27. They come in threes—(8).
 28. —and so do these (5).
 29. For remembrance (6).
- DOWN**
1. Hooded menace? (5).
 2. Hair-raising? (5).
 3. Quotient? (6).
 4. Your uncle? (4).
 5. Life-giving fluid? (6).
 6. —maker's bottom knocker? (6).
 9. All together, now! (6).
 11. Somewhat akin to "I"? (5).
 12. Crawler? (5).
 14. The C.I.D. has to (6).
 15. Periodical payments? (5).
 16. South Coast distillate? (5).
 18. Indivisible drink? (6).
 19. Hydrophobia (6).
 22. What a titbit may be (5).
 23. The sky, perhaps (5).
 24. Use a divining-rod (5).
 25. Possibly grand bang (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Mortar, 3. Digs, 5. Fences, 9. Mithras, 10. Foray, 11. Robin, 12. Rite, 13. Cider, 16. Medals, 18. Tunes, 20. Stern, 23. Nero, 25. Rabbit, 26. Sprig, 27. Victor, 27. Newer, 28. Frogs, 29. Reacut. Down: 1. Memories, 2. Resolute, 3. Aft, 4. Repose, 5. Defeat, 6. Ironie, 7. Grace, 14. Domestic, 16. Recourse, 18. Manges, 17. Deliver, 19. Enraged, 21. Taper, 24. Dure.

'THE CAMP ON BLOOD ISLAND'



Battle scenes staged for the Hammer Film Productions' film "The Camp on Blood Island", were filmed last week at Bray Studios. The setting is Malaya in 1945. Japan has lost the war, but the commandant of this

Japanese POW camp on Blood Island has not been informed of this—and has threatened to massacre the men, women and children held at the camp if Japan is defeated. British Colonel Lambert leads the revolt of

the prisoners against the Japanese. The guards are wiped out. Blood Island is free. Photo shows a scene during the filming as prisoners of war fight with the Japanese guards on their break-out from the camp.—Keystone Photo.

Minister Speaks On Communists In Kerala State

REDS HAVE NO CHANCE IN INDIA

Singapore, Sept. 4.

Indian Minister for Irrigation S. K. Patil told a press conference today that the Communists would "never have any chance" of succeeding in India in the foreseeable future.

MONGOLIA APPLIES FOR UN ADMISSION

New York, Sept. 4.

The Soviet Union today submitted a resolution to the United Nations calling for the admission of Outer Mongolia to the world organization.

Letter addressed to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold, by Mr. Arkady Sobolev, the permanent Soviet delegate to the UN requested Mr. Hammarskjold to circulate his draft resolution as a document of the Security Council and submit it for discussion at the Council meeting which would examine the application of South Korea and South Vietnam.

So far no date has been set for this meeting. Yesterday, the Foreign Minister of Outer Mongolia, Mr. S. Avazov, sent a cable to the President of the Security Council, Mr. Emilio Nuñez Portuondo of Cuba, repeating its application for membership in the UN.

NOT APPROVED

Outer Mongolia first applied for membership in 1946. Since then the Security Council has voted several times on the application but in each case has failed to give its approval. The text of the Soviet resolution on Outer Mongolia's admission is as follows:

"The Security Council, having examined the declaration of the Mongolian People's Republic concerning its admission as a member of the United Nations, recommends to the General Assembly to admit the Mongolian People's Republic as a member of the United Nations."—Reuter.

He made this statement after answering a barrage of questions on the Communist victory in the State of Kerala. Patil said the Indian Communists scored a victory in the last elections because of two factors:

CONTROVERSY

Firstly, the party organisations of the Congress Party were not what it could be; secondly, the Communists thrived on the language controversy.

Patil expressed full confidence that the Congress Party would sweep the Communists out of Kerala government in the next elections. He also said the Communists won the Kerala elections because three parties were contesting for it. He said that in a democracy there should be a two-party system but added that it might take some time to modify this in India.

He said 200,000 more votes were cast for the Congress Party and yet it lost out to the Communists. He blamed the three-way split of the votes for the Communist victory.

VERY POOR

Patil also said Communism thrived in Kerala because the State was very poor. He said of a population of 9,000,000 nearly 1,500,000 educated people were unemployed. He said such a large number of unemployed educated people is always a "potential danger". He also said the language controversy was an "excellent tonic" for the Communists to thrive on and the Indian Communists exploited this to the utmost.

Patil, who attended the Malayan Independence celebrations as representative of the Indian Government, leaves on Friday to return to India.—United Press.

London, Sept. 4.

A factory producing high grade dyestuffs went into trial operation today in Kirin, north-east China, the New China News Agency reported.—Reuter.

JACK COMER HELD BY CANADIANS

Quebec City, Sept. 4.

Jack Comer, alias Jack Spot, the self-styled king of the London underworld, was detained here today by immigration officials while they sought to determine whether or not he was a suitable visitor.

Comer was being held in the immigration detention building and officials said he was "not too pleased."

Comer, who arrived here last night aboard the liner Columbia, was planning to visit his brother in Winnipeg and "look around the country for a few months."

Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, said he would make a decision "today or tomorrow" on the case.

The Department has asked Scotland Yard for a rundown on Comer's history. The Acting Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, David Fulton, said the Department "will not hesitate to deport" Comer if it was found he had a criminal record.

Known as "Spot" to underworld bosses in London, Comer has been in and out of British headlines for years. He achieved notoriety two

MARSHALS MAY CLASH WITH GUARDSMEN

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 4.

Arkansas Adjutant General Sherman Klingler said today that US Marshals will try to take eight negro children through the lines of National Guardsmen who earlier had turned them back from a white school.

The situation at all-white Central High School, where negroes were trying to make their first breakthrough in Little Rock, was tense.

Guardsmen, acting again on a direct order from the Governor and defying a second and explicit decree by a Federal Judge, turned back the eight negroes earlier today. As word spread that US Marshals were coming, a crowd began to gather again.

First Opposition

The troops, many with clips of cartridges in their hands, stood about waiting for the Marshals. For the first time in the South's fight against desegregation, forces of the State and Federal Government were directly opposed in a situation that threatened open violence.

The troops turned back the negroes today on a direct order from Gov. Orval Faubus, who told National Guard Col. Marion Johnson to keep the white school off limits to negroes and the negro school off limits to whites.—United Press.

RUSSIA SAYS A FINAL NYET

London, Sept. 4.

A Soviet spokesman made it clear here tonight that Russia is not willing to accept the West's latest disarmament proposals as a basis for discussion.

The spokesman said that the Western package plan—which links suspension of nuclear tests with other first-stage disarmament measures—had been "practically rejected" by Russia.

"There is no point in further discussion of these proposals," he added.

MOSCOW'S VIEW

The spokesman also emphasized that in Russia's view, disarmament was being delayed by the Western refusal to discuss suspension of nuclear tests as an isolated issue.

Earlier, at a meeting of the five-nation sub-committee, the British delegate, Commander Allan Noble, said Russia would not appear interested in a final disarmament agreement but only in unconditional and isolated suspension of nuclear tests.

He said this after the Soviet delegate, Mr. Valerian Zorin, had confirmed that earlier statements made by him on the new Western plan represented his Government's views.—Reuter.

NEUTRALISM HAS BECOME MEANINGLESS

Says Minister

Singapore, Sept. 4.

Pakistan's Minister of the Interior Mir Ghulam Ali Khan Talpur said today neutralism had become meaningless and he added, "you have to join one group or the other."

Mir Ghulam Ali was replying at a news conference to a question whether Pakistan would advise newly-independent Malaya to join the South East Asia Treaty Organisation (Seato), of which Pakistan is a member.

Mir Ghulam Ali, who is en route home from Malayan independence ceremonies in Kuala Lumpur, said Malaya must decide for itself whether to join Seato and Pakistan would not offer advice.

TRAIN CADETS

Mir Ghulam Ali said Pakistan would send a police inspector-General to Malaya in about two weeks to train Malayan police cadets in anti-smuggling and anti-subversion work.

Pakistan will appoint a High Commissioner in Kuala Lumpur, shortly, Mir Ghulam Ali said. He said Pakistan offered to provide for Malaya experts in education, engineering, irrigation, construction, military science and other fields.—France-Press.

AID FOR YEMEN & SUDAN

Washington, Sept. 4.

The United States is considering the possibility of providing aid to the Yemen and the Sudan, it was disclosed today.

Officials said a team representing the State Department and the International Cooperation Administration left Washington last week for a fact-finding visit to the Kingdom of Yemen. The mission will visit the Sudan later.

Neither Yemen nor Sudan has received US aid in the past. Yemen recently received six shipments of Soviet arms. The Sudan did not accept offers of US funds when Ambassador James P. Richards visited the Middle East more than a year ago. Sudanese officials said then they would give the US aid after "further study."—United Press.

Ended Trip

Dover, Ohio, Sept. 4. George E. Farmer ended his trip from California rather abruptly. Farmer had to sell his 1950 car to buy a US\$450 fine for driving without a license.—United Press.

United Nations —The Hope Of World Society

DAG HAMMARSKJOLD

By RALPH TEATSORTH

United Nations, Sept. 4.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold declared today that to turn away from the United Nations because it lacks force would be to "close the door to hopes for the future of world society."

He said in an introduction to his annual report to the General Assembly that the UN should be recognised for what it is—"an admittedly imperfect but indispensable instrument of nations in working for a peaceful evolution toward a more just and secure world order."

The dynamic forces at work in this stage of human history have made world organisation necessary," he said.

He made these main points in his report:

★ Regional alliances are of limited value in the quest for permanent peace and welfare.

★ Criticism of the UN system of giving one vote to each member country, re-

action, he explained, "result from facts of international life in our age which are not likely to be bypassed by a different approach or surmounted by attempts at merely constitutional reform."

Turn Aside

"To turn aside from the United Nations now because it cannot be transformed into a world authority enforcing the law upon the nations would be to close the door to hopes for the future of world society," he said.

"The greatest need today is to blunt the edges of conflict among the nations, not to sharpen them. If properly used, the United Nations can serve a diplomacy of reconciliation better than other instruments available to the member states."

The increase in UN membership to 81 nations, he said, mirrors the realities of the world situation.—United Press.

JAPANESE CAR FOR PARIS SHOW

Paris, Sept. 4.

The growing Japanese car industry will make its first bid to compete in France next month with the appearance at the Paris Motor Show of the Prince Skyline, a four-foot six-sector saloon made by Fuji-Pradison Industries of Tokyo.

The coming Japanese exhibit has aroused keen interest here and has compared with the French Peugeot 403 mechanically and the Simca Versailles in appearance.

An official of the Simca firm said today, "There is a certain resemblance with our Versailles. We can only say we are flattered. It could not be called a copy of our bodywork, and the mechanical details are completely different—more like the Peugeot 403."

PEUGEOT

The sporting newspaper Le Quip, said yesterday that the Prince Skyline seemed related to the Peugeot 403 and printed a picture of the Japanese car under the headline "The Japanese 403 at the Paris Motor Show."

The Prince Skyline has a four-cylinder 1,484 cc. engine and a top speed of 125 kilometres an hour according to details published here. The price in Europe is not yet known.—Reuter.

Fruit Basket Hat



Brazilian actress Cled The new, who arrived in Venice for the International Film Festival, wears this unique basket of fruit hat.—Associated Press.

PARIS NEWSLETTER...from SAM WHITE

The ambassador's wife

signs a contract with a night club

IN considerable secrecy the French Foreign Office is at present pondering the future of its top ambassador, the worldly and witty M. Herve Alphand, Ambassador to Washington.

M. and Madame Alphand have returned to Paris on leave and have taken this opportunity to break the startling news to the Qual d'Orsay that they intend to divorce.

Furthermore, to add to the delicacy of the situation, Madame Alphand intends to return to the United States where she has signed contracts for night-club appearances as a singer.

I spoke to Madame Alphand on the subject and with characteristic and diplomatic frankness she confirmed this news.

"I cannot bear the life of an ambassador's wife," she told me. "Herve and I are in complete agreement on the need to divorce."

FRUSTRATED

A YEAR ago while on a shopping visit to Paris, Madame Alphand told me how much she detested Washington and diplomatic life generally, and how frustrated she felt over the Foreign Office's insistence that she abandoned her successful career as a night-club singer.

Madame Alphand is a blue-eyed blonde with a husky voice and a beautiful figure. She looks in her early thirties, but is in fact, 53—three years older than her handsome husband. She has sung in London, Paris and New York, but her career was blasted when the Qual d'Orsay insisted

some four years ago that her professional life was incompatible with the dignity of an ambassador's wife.

The matter came to a head when she received an offer to sign in a London night-club and the then French Ambassador in London, M. Massigli, made strong representations on the subject.

NO ALIMONY

M. ALPHAND is a polished wit and mimic, whose imitations have long delighted the better dinner parties. In this connection, friends point out that just as no man is a hero to his buller so no man is a wit to his wife.

The Alphands are not rich. In Paris they live in a small, serventless flat. Madame Alphand does not wish for alimony, considering herself perfectly able to earn her own living.

The Qual d'Orsay have not yet decided on M. Alphand's future, but it seems likely that he will not remain in Washington for longer than it will take to finalise a divorce.

Madame Alphand, who is no mean wit in her own right, sums up the conflict between her and her husband's careers in this way: "It seems as though I have created a precedent in reverse. Many diplomats have married night-club singers and converted them into dignified diplomatic wives. As a result of my example, however—from diplomat's wife to night-club singer—this reminds too many of them of their more humble past. It is most embarrassing for them."

THE REASON?

That worried look on Mr. Aristide Onassis's face which I noticed when I saw

him in Monte Carlo recently—what is the cause of it?

Well, oil-carrying freight charges have dropped down to a level lower than existed before the Korean war.

Onassis has some 20 ships under construction which will come into commission at a time when the long-term prospects of a rise in freight charges are bleak.

A great deal depends, of course, on what type of contract Mr. Onassis signed with the oil companies at the time of the Suez crisis. At that time most of his fleet were on short-term contracts and he was therefore able to reap full advantage of the crisis rise in freight charges.

MODEL AGENCY

ON my right, Lucky, the famous Dior mannequin. On my left, the American model Miss Dorian Leigh. Miss Leigh has started an agency for models, and this cuts across territory which Lucky has always considered as her own.

Says Lucky: "Such an agency is illegal in France, and I'm going to drive Miss Leigh out of business."

"I run a kind of union for mannequins but we are barred by law from taking commission on jobs we find for them. I am not going to let a foreigner get away with it."

Lucky, aged 38, is a tough and shrewd trade union boss who runs her union which, in effect, is under the guise of a strictly welfare organisation.

The fact is that it negotiates with the leading dress houses on wages and conditions of work. The weakness of Lucky's position in this matter is simply that for model purposes most of the fashion magazines, including the French ones, prefer to use American or British models.

The reasons for this are that French models are too stilted, lack spontaneity, and have a reputation for unpunctuality.

CULTURAL NOTE

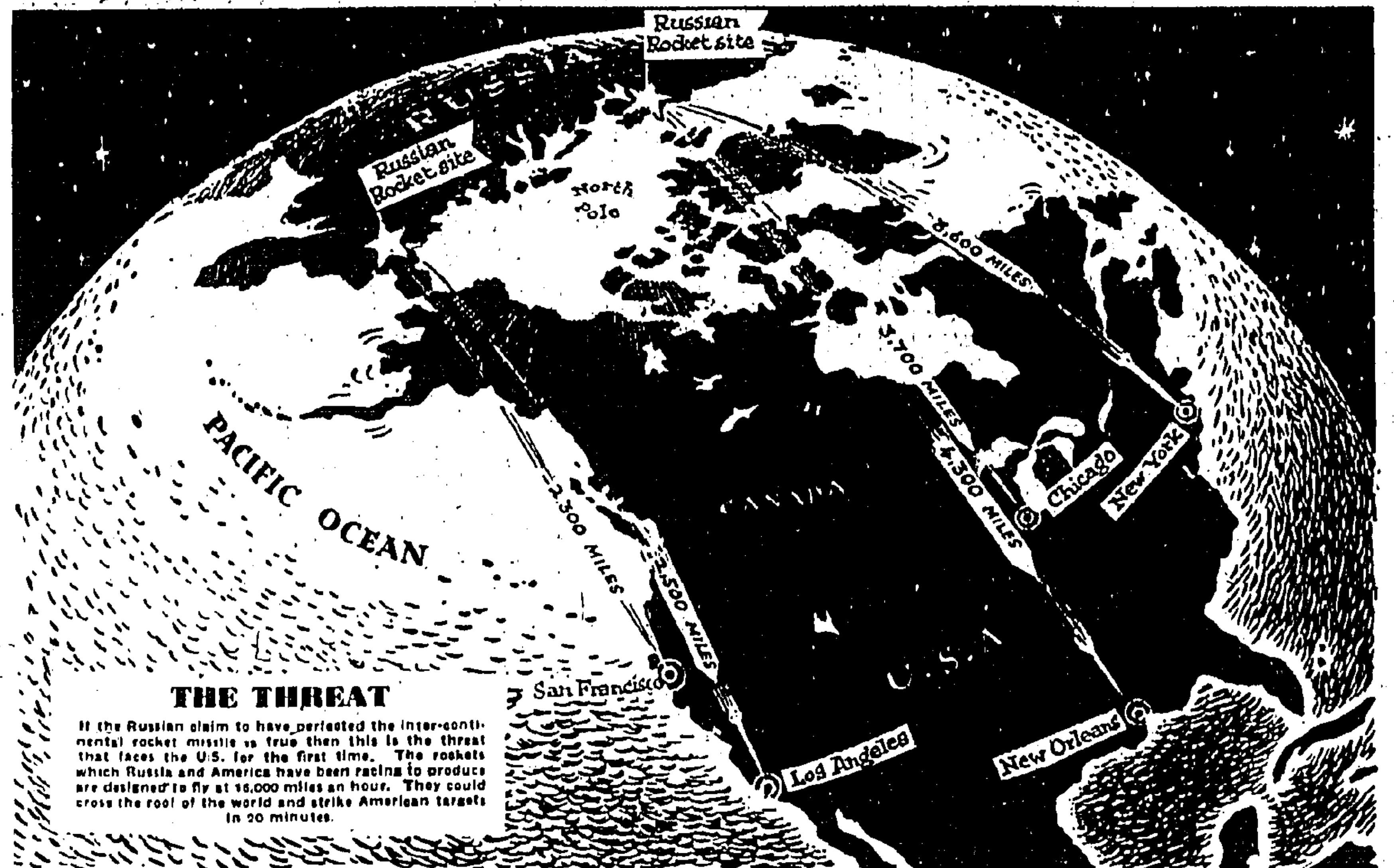
GINGER ROGERS'S ex-husband, Jacques Bergerac, tells me that the reason for his break-up with Miss Rogers was that he insisted on reading aloud French classics at Miss Rogers's Hollywood dinner parties.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

M. Andre de Deauville Casino: "I prefer Frenchwomen, but I must confess that when an Englishwoman is beautiful, she is a splendour."

(London Express Service).

FRONT LINE AMERICA



• THIS IS THE MAP THAT COULD CHANGE WORLD POLITICS AND WORLD STRATEGY... THE MAP THAT HAS AMERICANS WONDERING TODAY: ARE WE IN THE FRONT LINE AT LAST?

by NOEL MONKS

Wars Britain has been a front line country.

Today it is put squarely to the Americans that in any future global war they could expect civilian casualties of a terrifying nature.

America's global strategy is based on a world-wide ring of bases stretching from Okinawa, in the Pacific, to Iceland, and including some in Britain and Canada. On these bases are the six-jet bombers of the Strategic Air Command. The nearest is about 1,500 miles from Moscow, or a shade under three hours' flying time.

In addition, the U.S. Navy's Sixth and Seventh Fleets are capable of striking with atom weapons.

This was the big stick that Uncle Sam, and the West generally, kept ready to meet the threat of Russia's overwhelming superiority in conventional weapons.

Now the whole military thinking of the West and America must be revised. The day our planners feared and knew belonged to the future has arrived.

Ironically, or fortuitously, the best Service aviation brains in the Commonwealth sat down in conference at the Air Ministry the other day within a few hours of the sensational Moscow announcement.

Not 'gospel'

INCLUDED were the Chiefs of Air Staff of Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

The Russian I.C.B.M. is the main item on the agenda.

"The Russian claim is not taken as gospel," was said Britain's air chief, Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle, would say. Fair enough—but neither should it be discounted.

If the Russian claim is justified then it is a complete vindication of the stand taken by Mr. Duncan Sandys, Defence Minister, in regard to the reshaping of our armed forces. For armies, navies, and air forces become obsolete once the I.C.B.M. becomes an operational weapon in full production.

It was Mr. Sandys who believed the Germans were making V-weapons even when Churchill's scientific adviser, the late Lord Cherwell, pooh-poohed the idea.

What next?

Do we go on building million-pound piloted V-bombers, designed to carry the "great deterrent" when a technician may be able to push a button at a Russian base and send off a missile with a hydrogen warhead set to explode on New

York or Kansas City half an hour later?

Mr. Sandys has already stated that the R.A.F. will have their last manned fighter in the P1 when they get it in about three years' time. He was severely criticised in high air quarters

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



for saying that six months ago, but he could be proved right by the news from Moscow. Watch out for even further cuts in R.A.F. Fighter Command.

The last

THE last Valentia is now being delivered to Bomber Command, and the first Victors and Vulcans should be in full-scale operation early next year.

They are bound to be the last piloted bombers of the R.A.F.

Mr. Sandys foresaw all this when he sat down at his desk at St. James's eight months ago and became Britain's sixth Defence Minister in four years.

One good thing could come of Moscow's claim: Britain and America may pool ALL their missile know-how and concentrate, as Russia seems to have done, on the Ultimate Weapon.

Mr. Sandys, now in Australia, has revealed that Britain is planning a missile "better than anything America has." It might be a 5,000-mile or a 1,000-mile.

If Britain and America could now pool their knowledge of, and experiments with, both weapons it would save both countries a packet of money—and, maybe, precious myths.

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"Same goes for this stuff as Scotch during Prohibition. Peddling it to the natives is illegal."

This Funny World



"... and this is Joey. He greases the seat covers."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"ONE man," said Hegel, "has understood me, and even he has not understood me."

This revealing phrase buzzed in my ears when I read a criticism of some contemporary poetry. Judging from the quotations, the poems appeared to be what I hope I may be allowed to call, following my Hegel, an example of *Unbegreiflichkeit* (Begrifflichkeit, or even of what von Schlegel called the morbid non-consciousness of the half-unconscious. (See Schauer's "Gegenwartigkeit," a theory which Schlegel developed in an admirable commentary on Rohrer's "Concepts of Rationality.") See also Hauer on Jeller's critique of Boller's "Twelve Principles of Phenomenological Reality," with a Note on Dogmatic Cosmology. Cf. Tautheit: Leben und Werke.)

Tribute to Evans the Hearse

THE bard Gauffry ad Cynfin ap Cadwaladr has composed a bardic ode to Evans the Hearse of Abernethy, to be sung at the Elsteddof. It describes how Madog of Bryn Hafod pushed the Cornonall Pea of Hywel with his nose from Rhuddlan to Conway, and hails Evans as the heir of the Brythone Cels. The ode will be sung by the Llandudno choir.

Hairy as can be

THE reforestation of bald heads over now white foil discussed by the scientists. To make the campaign popular, and to raise hopes among hair-growers of growing two hairs where one grew before, all the experts have to do is to discover a deficiency in the diet of bald men. Experiments made on coots will show that they are

bald because their diet contains an insufficiency of dymol. An excess of dymol, injected into a mouse's cheek, will result in an unusual head of hair. The psychologists will then discover that hypnotism can produce a state of mind conducive to a hirsute condition of the head, and dandies will be able to grow tufts of hair on their knees by eating nothing but raw haddock for a month. There will then be a protest march of wigmakers to Trafalgar-square.

Worth not knowing

The new non-combustible, pre-stressed concrete, in all colours, looks well in any kind of fire-grate. As it does not burn, a great saving is effected in fuel bills. (Maggie Horcroft at St Neots.)

CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN

ty of mistake which occurs again and again in the games of inexperienced players is to move P-KR3 after castling without any necessity. The following game between von Belvedere and Teichmann is a classic example of the type of attack which results: 1 P-K4. P-B4. 2 P-K3. 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SPARKLING CENTURY BY GEORGE EMMETT

£10 EACH TO SPEND



Sixty Russian athletes — 40 men and 20 women — went on a three-hour shopping tour of London's busy Oxford Street recently. It was their first visit to the shops since they arrived a week earlier. Each was given £10 in English money to spend.

The athletes had come to London for the Britain versus Russia athletics match over the weekend of August 24 and 25. They went to Selfridge's department store in Oxford Street, wandered around freely.

Most admired the store, but said: "It does not seem very large. The Moscow store GUM is about twice as big." No Soviet Embassy officials accompanied the athletes, whose main difficulty was lack of interpreters. Nevertheless, most of them bought the things they wanted.

Mrs Olga Plotnikova, the women's trainer and chaperone, bought a pale-blue plastic raincoat and hat for herself, while Mrs Nina Otkalenko, 30-year-old holder of the women's 800 metres world record, bought a flowered nylon dress length, reduced to half-price, for £1 2s 6d. Said she: "We have nylons and something like it called Kapron in Russia, but this is very cheap."

Pictorial shows, looking at sweaters, from left, athletes Tamara Tyshkevich, Daidra Levicka and Olympic Javelin Champion Inese Janzenze. The latter two are Latvians. — London Express Photo.

MALAYAN TENNIS

DAO AND IP QUALIFY FOR SEMI-FINALS

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 4. Foreign challengers dominated the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles matches in the Selangor Tennis Championship here this evening.

K.C. Dao of Hongkong and Vo Van Bay of South Vietnam qualified to join Malaysian Champion Ip Koon-hung, in the semi-finals. Today's quarter-final results were as follows:

K.C. Dao (Hongkong) beat Vo Vanh Thanh (Vietnam) 6-3, 6-6.

Vo Vanh Thanh (Vietnam) beat H. Khamis (Singapore) 6-2, 6-2.

In the semi-finals tomorrow, Dao will play Nguyen Van Tiph and Vo Vanh Thanh will meet Ip.

In the Men's Doubles quarter-finals, Vo Vanh Thanh and Vo Van Tong of Vietnam beat Goon Keng-ying and H. J. Sinclair of Malaysia by 6-0, 6-4.

In an All-Malayan ladies singles final Mrs Gladys Loke Chua, the Selangor Champion, beat F. G. Holt by 6-2, 6-7. — France-Press.

Japan Drawn To Meet Portugal In Fencing Event

Paris, Sept. 4. Japan was today drawn to meet Portugal in the first round of the open team fencing event of the Paris World University Games. A total of 11 teams are competing.

This event opens tomorrow morning with the following matches: Spain-Britain, Germany-Israel, and Japan-Portugal.

In the second round, Hungary will meet the winner of the Japan-Portugal match. Other second round encounters will be as follows: Italy-Romania, France versus the winner of the Spain-Britain match, and Luxembourg against the winner of the Germany-Israel match. — France-Press.

FOREST HILLS

Vic Seixas Blasts His Way Into Quarter-Finals

Forest Hills, Sept. 4. Fourth-seeded Vic Seixas of Philadelphia, 34-year-old former American and Wimbledon Champion, blasted his way into the quarter-finals of the US Tennis Championships today by routing Roy Emerson of Australia with surprising ease, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

In the Women's Singles, Shirley Fry of England reached the quarter-finals by defeating Janet Hopps of Seattle.

Seixas, first of three Americans in Sweden's with Aussie rival today, kept just enough pressure on Emerson, Australia's eight-ranked player, to keep the match well in hand.

At one time or another he employed every shot in his well-filled book to keep the Australian at stride, banging home outright winners with greater regularity than expected, since Emerson has been a tough campaigner in Eastern tournaments.

Emerson won the Southampton, New York, Championship the past two years.

Vic's victory moved him into a quarter-final bracket opposite the winner of a match later today between Herb Flam of Beverly Hills, California, and Bob Howe of Australia.

Second-seeded Dick Savitt of South Orange, New Jersey, meets Mal Anderson in the third feature pitting US stars against Aussies.

MIXED DOUBLES

Bob Howe of Australia and Darlene Hard of Montebello, California, defeated Kosei and Sachiko Kamo of Japan 6-1, 6-2, in the second round of the Mixed Doubles.

The winning pair, clicking smoothly as a team, had far too much power and all-round finesse for the Kamos, Kosei Kamo held service once in each set and Miss Kamo once in the second set though generally both

Miss Hard and Howe took advantage of her softer service to score outright placements on service returns.

Howe frequently hood Miss Kamo on his service and set up many winners with his own service returns.

Miss Hard, Wimbledon Singles runner-up, scored often with overhead smashes and volleys. — United Press.

Taiwan Beats Colony At Basketball

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 4. Taiwan beat Hongkong 80-53 in a fast, spectacular match in the Merdeka basketball tournament tonight.

The tall, quick moving Taiwanese were too much for the Hongkong side and led 47-30 at interval.

Chin Choo-lai and Hock Chuan-pia were the pick of the Taiwan side and never slackened pace throughout.

In other matches Singapore defeated Kowloon 93-72 and India beat Thailand 72-52.

The games, played on the league principle, will continue tomorrow.

BADMINTON

Malaya's Number One badminton player, Eddy Choong, captured the Men's Singles league principle, will continue tomorrow.

Choong, the All-England and Malaysian Champion, who had earlier disposed of India's Number Two player, Nandu Natekar, in the semi-finals, excelled with his backhand drops and tricky placements.

Seth could not match the Malaysian's excellent court craft and experience.

In the all-Malayan doubles final, Ong Poh-lin and Cooi Teik-hock beat Tai Jin-seng and Lim Kee-pong, 15-5, 17-14. — Reuter & France-Press.

Second Fifty In Only Eighteen Minutes

London, Sept. 4. George Emmett, the Gloucestershire captain, hit a sparkling century for an England eleven against a Commonwealth side at Torquay today.

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Luton Town 2, Blackpool 0.
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Khan Mohammed, the Pakistan Test fast bowler, found the heavy atmosphere and hot pitch ideal and took seven wickets for 50 runs.

Rain interfered with several matches, including the only county game of the series between Surrey, the Champions, and Sussex.

Only two hours and 45 minutes was possible during which Sussex lost four wicket for 89.

England spinner Tony Lock, taking two of them, brought his tally for the season to 134.

Mickey Stewart took his 74th catch of the season and now needs only five to beat Walter Hammond's record set up in 1928.

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Lock is caught behind the wicket by a triumphant Alexander off Sobers for 17 in the final Test between England and the West Indies at the Oval. — Central Press Photo.

CUP CLASH HAS PUT SELECTORS IN A TANGLE

By DAVID JACK

County before club—or not? That's the teaser facing international soccer selectors at the start of this "greatest-ever" season, as the optimists label it.

On September 25 and October 2, Manchester United play European Cup games against Shamrock Rovers.

Both matches clash with international fixtures—and that's just too bad for England and the Republic of Ireland.

England (Under-23) play Bulgaria on September 25, and at least three of Matt Busby's boys would be automatic choices for England.

But the fans will have it. Duncan Edwards, Eddie Colman and David Pegg are not wearing United's red shirt in Dublin on that day.

Denmark meet the Republic of Ireland in a World Cup game on October 2—but I understand the Irish selectors have already decided to write off "possibles" Whelan (Manchester United) and Mackey (Shamrock Rovers).

With the European Cup carrying such prestige value, the club-before-country decision is inevitable...but in principle it is bad.

There's going to be a showdown, perhaps this season, if future planners don't do better than this.

Footballers have been advised by the Union to roll their sleeves up. That should interest a famous centre-forward who cut his finger last season and sent his club a doctor's certificate as an excuse for not playing.

SUPER STADIUM

Manchester United's scheme to own the finest stadium in England takes another step forward this season when architects' plans for enlarging Old Trafford will be submitted.

Says Manager Matt Busby: "Providing there are no snags, work on the ground could start next close season." Capacity would then be 100,000.

And United are about the only club capable of filling such a ground.

Armed face the new season "quite happy," to quote manager Jack Crayston.

Even so, Jack admitted he would like to strengthen some positions.

Referee Jack Husband returned recently from a South American assignment, officiating at matches involving Paraguay, Colombia, Brazil, and Argentina.

When I asked him for a World Cup forecast he said: "After seeing the best in Latin America, I'm sure England must have a chance." But he's not the only expert, with a sneaking fancy

for the home country—Sweden.

In it, the Manchester Town have Notts County a bidding in a pre-season practice match? Looks as if new Notts boss Tommy Lawton has a big job on his hands.

HERE'S HOPING

From a mountain hideout, 80 miles from Rome, Alec Stock writes to say he is thoroughly enjoying his job as manager of the Italian team, Roma FC.

Things are going so well for the boy from Yeovil, he is wondering where the catch comes in.

Let's hope Alec does not find out on September 8...when the Italian season begins.

Who is the new manager at Leyton Orient? "Les Gore," says director Frank Harris. "No I'm not," says the same Mr Gore.

It's not a case of mutiny in the Leyton camp. Former trainer Gore will be manager in everything but name.

"I might sleep better at night if we work it that way," explains Les.

First problem for the manager who is not a manager is to employ three first-team goalkeepers every week with only two Orient teams fielded.

Outcome could be a transfer for Pat Walton on a part-exchange basis.

Charlton Athletic may be interested.

There's no denying England's World Cup chance—providing the selectors will put their strongest team on the field.

They have no defensive worries, but the forward line needs a shake-up. Here's my five: Matthews (Blackpool), Finney (Preston), Taylor (Manchester Utd.), Harmer (Spurs) and Pegg (Manchester Utd.).

That front line could pulverise any team in the world.

LOOKING AHEAD

At the start of a new season, a few prophecies:

TWO CLOSE FINISHES IN OPEN PAIRS

ANOTHER CLASH BETWEEN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By ARCHIE QUICK

What an extraordinary nation is England when it comes to sport. It seems we always strive to start any international contest well behind scratch. In athletics our runners compete on unequal terms with overseas state-aided opponents because of the strictness of our amateur status observance, and now comes yet another glaring instance in a further clash between the Football Association and the Football League.

The Association has quite an international programme on its plate. Home matches with Ireland, France and Portugal (prov.) at Wembley and visits to Wales, Scotland, Yugoslavia, Russia and the World Cup competition in Sweden. In addition there are the "Under 23" Internationals — home to Rumania and Bulgaria and away to Wales and Scotland.

Now the England team manager, Mr. Walter Winterbottom, comes out with the announcement that he had hoped to keep a squad of players together for practically the whole season—or at least a couple of days together each week—but that scheme will now be impossible because of the League clubs' fantastic floodlight match commitments.

Unless something drastically different from the past occurs, Mr. Winterbottom will have his team selected for him for each match by our amateur selectors and he will get his players on the Tuesday before the Saturday games. First and Second Division players will not have seen each other before. How can they be expected to weld into a team so quickly?

FULL INTERNATIONAL

The first full international England has ever played in Russia, in May is the "big" game. At a guess I would say the players will be assembled after the season closes on April 25, will watch the Cup Final on May 3, play in Belgrade and then be flown against the full might of Russia, who will have been in training together in some rural hideout for weeks. Then England will be flung into the maelstrom of Stockholm.

All the League clubs are trying to get on to the floodlit bandwagon. The FA have been inundated with applications for permission to play evening games, and as Mr. Winterbottom says, "If my international men are to be asked to play two matches a week with the consequent financial benefit to themselves and their clubs who am I to ask them to play a third match?" Who, indeed, but what a way to go into the international arena. England have as fine players as any on earth, but they can never win the World Cup under such a handicap. In England the League, the domestic keystone of soccer here, takes precedence over the international game. The League clubs pay the piper and call the tune.

Scotland has always been noted for her lighter weighted champion boxers; remember Johnny Hill, Elky Clark, Jackie Patterson and the great Benny Lynch.

Never before in her long fighting history, however, has she possessed three British title-holders as she does now—Frankie Jones (fly), Charlie Hill (feather) and Peter Keenan (bantam). Yet it is a frail holding. Jones, surely, will lose when Dai Dower is demobilised.

—if he can make eight stone then—or when young Davies has gained more experience. Or perhaps if Terry Spinks makes normal progress from the amateur ranks.

Again, Hill made such a poor showing in his latest contest at Paisley against a low ranking Londoner, Alf Drew, when Hill gained a narrow points win—that his hold on the crown is most precarious. The championship looks like Belfast Jimmy Brown's for the taking when the pair meet in Nottingham in October.

Finally, Keenan's long and honorable career must be drawing to a close. Since the Wembley Olympic Games in 1948 Peter has turned professional, climbed to the British and Empire title ranks and crusaded around the world. In America, Australia, the Far East and on the Continent he has traded punches with the rest, and he has never been backward in defending his title.

BUYING TIME

But now he is buying time, although on the same Paisley bill as Hill he easily outpointed a British Gulan named Rudy Edwards over eight rounds.

Bear in mind though that Edwards was a third choice opponent, for first an Italian and then a Spaniard dropped out. Also remember it was only over eight rounds which is entirely a different proposition to the first championship distance of fifteen.

Tragedy for a fourth Scottish boxer, eighteen months ago Bobby Neil—Edinburgh-born but domiciled in London—was awarded the Boxing Writers' Association Trophy as "The Best Young Boxer of the Year". Since a first-round knockout by Jimmy Brown in Belfast, Neil has stalked and his latest setback was at Paisley when he was forced to retire at the end of the fifth round against a Greenock "unknown" fighter. Neil is still Scottish featherweight champion but it holds to what he told me a week or two ago this is nearly the end of the little road for the likable, well-educated Bobby. He has an excellent job in London.

No matter the outcome of the Football League's secret Charter meeting at Morecambe, the Management Committee has to face up to the fact that the club, goaded by their public, are restless.

Supporters gave modern English League soccer a vote of no confidence last season by staying away to the tune of one million aggregate. The clubs know that something has to be done to provide better entertainment or bankruptcy lies ahead. So the order has gone

out for new ideas and more stringent training.

West Ham United have an alleged new idea which, in effect, is really only the old strategy of Mr. Arthur Rowe which won for Tottenham Hotspur when he was their manager the championship of the Second and First Divisions in the successive seasons of 1940-50 and 1950-51 as well as the runners-up position the following year.

It is the equivalent to boxing's counter-punch. The opposition is drawn forward and then the attack is set in motion from deep defence. Full back Alf Ramsey used to be responsible for these initiatives. Now West Ham manager Ted Fenton proposes to utilise full back John Bond in a similar role and visualise Bond becoming England's right back as a result.

ANOTHER NOVELTY

Another stirring towards novelty was the attempt of half a dozen clubs to inaugurate an Anglo-Scottish Floodlight League. The Scottish authorities, however, stamped on it believing that the trio of Spurs, Newcastle United and Manchester City were not representative of English football—as they are not.

The idealist with the big pipe dream, however, is Manchester United's Matt Busby. The man who wants the removal of the maximum wage as one of many desirable reforms thinks in terms of a European League. He schemes for the day when a select number of clubs from Europe—Western or entire—compete for points.

That would mean the break-away of such as Manchester United from the Football League. They would air-travel instead at week-ends to the capitals of the Continent, playing before £100,000 "gates". That money and Fox money would provide great stadia. United v. Real Madrid would be a commonplace. Even now, on a restricted scale, he thinks in terms of £100,000 profit for the Old Trafford club at this season's end.

A European League would certainly be a money-spinner, but each club entering it would have to take the courageous step of resigning from the Football League. This cutting adrift would not be so easy at all, for they would constantly need a supply of super-players to maintain a standard of success against the European stars, and the market would not be very plentiful—the deserted League clubs would set to that. It would be a question of finding and raising your own juniors.

QUARTER-FINALS

Upset Victory For Football Club Three

By "TOUCHER"

Teams of three from four clubs—Kowloon Dock Club, Kowloon Cricket Club, Hongkong Football Club and Craigengower Cricket Club—yesterday reached the semi-finals of the Colony Open Triples Lawn Bowls Championship.

Yesterday's four quarter-final matches at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club produced two very closely contested games. In one of these the Hongkong Football Club "dark-horse" combination of H. Black, P. Gardner and K. Forrow scored an upset 15-12 victory over the highly favoured Kowloon Cricket Club trio of J. Chubb, F. Kermani and W. Hong Sling.

Hong Sling and his men took an early lead with two successive threes on the first two heads, but Ken Forrow's team drew up to 6-6 on the next three heads and kept their opponents in a tight game on the nine following heads as the score mounted to 12-9 in favour of the KCC combination.

Forrow, who played a great game throughout, completed an afternoon's grand performance by leading his men to a strong finish on the last four heads on which they scored a two, a single, a two and another single to clinch the match by 15-12.

CLOSEST GAME

The closest game in yesterday's matches was seen in the tussle between the Kowloon Dock three of W. Riley, W. Davidson and R. Gourlay and the Craigengower combination of P. Ragl, C. K. Sung and R. Tay.

The first eight heads were evenly contested, at the end of which the score stood 8-5 in favour of the Craigengower three.

Tay and his men struck a good patch on three of the following four heads, chalking up three twos to lead by 12-8. Al-

though the Dock combination rallied with a three on the 13th head, the Craigengower underdogs maintained their four-shot lead by chalking up a three on the 14th head.

The next three heads, however, saw the Craigengower bowlers falter, and after picking up two singles, Gourlay and his men reeled off a four on the crucial 17th head to take a 17-15 lead on the last head.

On the 18th head, the Craigengower three lay a touch, but Tay, with still a chance of going around a semi-blocker to draw the second shot or play on his own wood a couple of inches for a count of two or three, fell short of the mark and left his opponents the winners by the odd shot at 17-10.

The third semi-finalist, berth went to the KCC three of M. J. Divercha, G. A. Souza and J. Landolt who, despite the final score of 20-13, were fully extended by the Craigengower three of G. F. Santos, F. Lee and A. E. Coates.

Landolt's three claimed a six on the fifth head, but despite this big count were held to 8-8 after the fifth head. They took the lead with a two on the

next head and maintained their narrow lead until 15-13 on the 10th head.

A strong finish on the last two heads, in which they scored a four and a single, enabled them to coast home comfortably by 20-13.

EASIEST

Easiest win of the day was that of E. G. Barros, F. W. Hollands and C. R. Rossetti who eliminated KCC's S. Y. Doe, D. C. Symons and J. E. Duffield to become Craigengower's only surviving semi-finalists in this event. They opened with two twos and a five and never looked back after that until the final score of 23-12 was reached.

The next Colony Open Championship games take place on Sunday when the Open Singles Final and Open Pairs semi-finals will be played off.

YESTERDAY'S SCORES
M. Divercha, G. A. Souza, J. Landolt (KCC) beat G. F. Santos, F. Lee, A. E. Coates (CCC), 20-13.

W. Riley, W. Davidson, R. Gourlay (KCC) beat P. Ragl, C. K. Sung, R. Tay (CCC), 17-10.
H. Black, P. Gardner, K. Forrow (HKFC) beat J. Chubb, F. Kermani, W. Hong Sling (KCC), 15-12.



London Express Service

HOME RUGGER

London, Sept. 4.

Results in tonight's Rugby League and Union matches were:

Rugby League
Bramley 25, Hull 19.
Castleford 9, Wakefield Trinity 28.
Doncaster 24, York 32.
Liverpool City 9, Warrington 18.
Salford 10, Rochdale Hornets 15.

Rugby Union
New Brighton 13, Penzance & Newlyn 5.
Penryn 0, Welsh Academics 0.—Reuter.

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SUNDAY'S GAMES
At HKCC — 5 p.m.
Open Singles Final
R. F. da Luz (Retiro) v. U. A. Rumbun (IRC).

At HKCC — 4 p.m.
Open Pairs Semi-final
E. G. Barros and F. Lee (CCC) v. F. O. Mader and C. R. Rossetti (CCC).
(VENUE TO BE ARRANGED)
Open Pairs Semi-final
G. A. Guterres and J. E. Noronha (Retiro) v. J. Tang and J. Landolt (KCC) or V. Bond and A. Eastman (KBGC).

Hongkong-Malaya Share Honours In Merdeka Soccer

Kuala Lumpur, Sept. 4. Hongkong and Malaya fought an exciting 3-3 draw before 12,000 cheering spectators in the Prime Minister's Soccer Cup Competition tonight.

Hongkong locked the winners for the greater part of the match and were ahead two goals in the first 23 minutes.

But Malaya spurred ahead in a series of fierce attacks on the visitors goal and at half time the score stood at 3-2 in Hongkong's favour.

The second half was marked by the rugged Hongkong defence and the persistent Malayan attacks, most of which failed.

Hongkong goalkeeper, Tam was his side's hero in this half and won the applause of the crowd as he fended off shot after shot.

But eventually the Malayan attack proved too strong and in the 70th minutes of the second half Malaya's Aziz Ahmad scored the equaliser.

From then on both teams, almost at a standstill, made no serious attempts to score.

The game was marked by high speed switches from wing to wing as both teams struggled for the advantage.

Hongkong's solid defence saved them, but the Malayan forwards were always a danger and several times were unlucky to score.

Scorers were: Hongkong: Setto Man 2 and Kwok Tai. Malaya: Abdul Ghani 2 and Aziz Ahmad.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Final of Children's Golf at Deep Water Bay. Meeting.

Water-Polo Committee meeting at Shool Club, 6.30 p.m.

TOMORROW
Diving Championships at Linwood. Women's one metre spring board and Men's three metres junior springboard finals.

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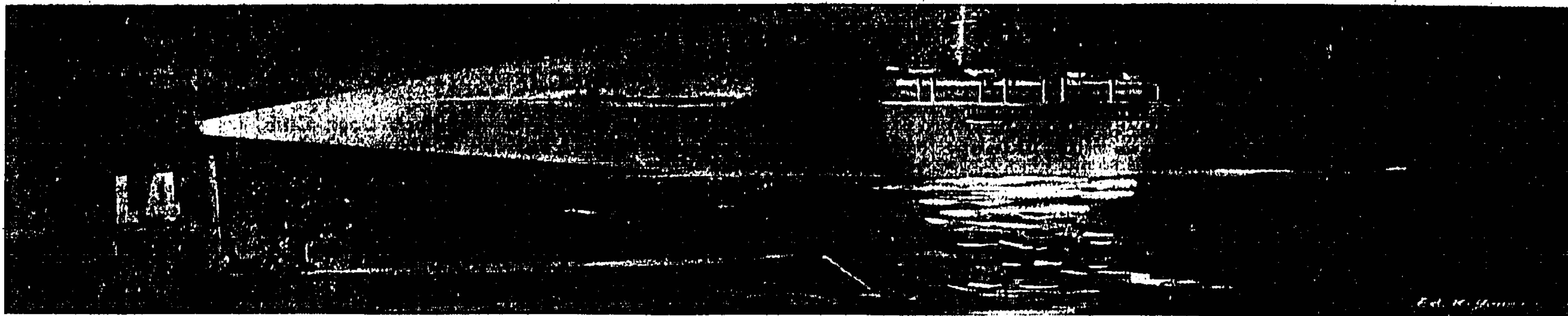


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SUNK BY A SUBMARINE



The Irene, captured by Pirates, tried to slip into Bias Bay under the cover of darkness but suddenly there was a blinding flash.....

by J. P. Prettejohn

RARELY was a piracy on the China coast a "routine affair"—a straight job of plundering followed by an easy getaway in junk with a few hostages. Almost every ship which sailed into port after an encounter with the pirates brought with it a tragedy that was different from any other.

One of the most horrifying was the sinking of the Irene by a British submarine in Bias Bay in 1927 when the ship, manned by pirates, refused to stop and identify herself despite three warnings.

Irene had on board at the time more than 250 passengers. After confusion reigned as they scrambled around the decks to escape the flames caused by the shelling.

RESCUED

Those who could swim jumped overboard with lifebelts; others slipped down the listing ship's sides or squeezed out of portholes.

One injured passenger said: "I lay on the deck until the submarine came alongside. I crept to the side of the ship and was later rescued and taken to the submarine."

Throughout, the submarine's searchlight was trained on the burning ship, illuminating acts of desperation and heroism like that of the Chief Officer who dashed in amongst the frightened passengers handing out lifebelts while the flames were sweeping the ship's deck. This encounter was one of the very few occasions when a patrol ship came to grips with the pirates. The shelling incident drew sharp protests from the Chinese government two months later.

A vessel belonging to the Chinese firm, The China Merchant's Steam Navigation Co., the 1,243-ton Irene was under

the command of Captain John Henry Johnson, a Norwegian who had been plying the China coast for the previous 10 years. The ship left Shanghai on the morning of October 17, 1927, and was sailing for Amoy in the south with 258 passengers and general cargo.

VICTIMS

For two days the ship ploughed through the sea without mishap or incident. The weather was fine and the seas calm; it was October and the typhoon season was over.

Captain Johnson knew all about the pirates. In fact, some of his friends were victims of earlier piracies. But he had been lucky; and why shouldn't his luck hold?

He had occasion to scrutinize his deck passengers before the ship sailed, but he could not detect anything unusual. He remembered thinking that no one resembled a cut-throat, anyway.

Famous last thoughts! Dawn came on October 19, the third day of the journey south. It was a pleasant morning and gave promise of another good day's sailing.

The Chief Officer, Mr. George Innes, was on duty on the bridge at that time. Capt. Johnson, the Second Officer Mr. A. Zolenski and the Second Engineer Mr. Harold Halvick, were in the saloon having breakfast. The Chief Engineer, Mr. A. Hodge, was in the engine room on duty.

BRIDGE RUSHED

At about 8 o'clock, without warning, the pirates struck! They came from the well decks where they were disguised as passengers.

Several made a concerted rush for the bridge, firing revolvers as they ran. The Chief Officer and the quarter-master were surprised by the sudden attack and were subdued. The control of the bridge changed hands within minutes of the initial attack.

At the same time another gang attacked the other officers.

They entered the saloon, their revolvers blazing. They said later they were only trying to frighten the officers and discourage opposition but one bullet hit a Chinese steward in the chest. The man died later in hospital in Hongkong. A gang of about 20 pirates was now in full control. They searched the officers' quarters and seized more arms and ammunition.

SLOW DOWN

The pirates ordered Captain Johnson at gunpoint to go to the bridge and directed him to head for Hongkong.

The Irene was travelling at 9½ knots at the time, but the pirates calculated that at this rate she would arrive in Bias Bay before sunset. They decided to enter the bay in darkness to escape detection by patrolling vessels. So they ordered the skipper to slow down.

Masters of the situation, they commandeered the saloon as headquarters of operations and ordered the officers to their cabins for their meals. They were not inconsiderate to the officers however, and the few pirates who spoke English conversed freely.

About 4 pm on Thursday, October 20, the Irene was challenged by HMS Foxglove. The ship signalled to ask the ship to identify itself. The pirates ordered the Chief Officer at gunpoint to hold Irene's number and at the same time to dip her flag in salute. The Irene was allowed to pass.

MOST POOR

As the ship was sailing at reduced speed, the pirates continued their systematic search of the passengers. They found that the majority of them were poor. Not satisfied with their loot, they took three Chinese passengers and locked them in a cabin, intending to

take them as hostages for ransom. "The pirates declared that they were not satisfied with the booty and wanted to kidnap someone," Mr. Che Ting-chow, a first class passenger, related. "I was one of the unlucky ones; so with two others I was confined to a cabin."

After the sun had set, the pirates ordered lights out, in the hope of slipping into Bias Bay undetected. But just when their daring plot looked like succeeding the Royal Navy intervened.

The Irene had passed Bate Island at the northeastern horn of Bias Bay and at about 8 o'clock she was making for another island at the head of the Bay.

SIGNAL FLASH

His Majesty's Submarine L4, which had been on exercise not long ago, was lying at anchor near the entrance to the pirates' haunt. Her commander, Lt. Commander F.J.C. Halahan, who was on deck, suddenly saw a dark shape moving on the surface of the water a few hundred yards away. Halahan at once thought of pirates and ordered his signaller to flash out "Stop immediately."

The L4's searchlight lit up the ship a moment later. Then the submarine fired a blank round in another attempt to stop her and to make her disclose her identity. But Irene went on, taking no notice.

The L4 again fired the L4 fired again—this time a live round was sent across Irene's bow. Still the pirated vessel took no heed of the warning.

Captain Johnson, the unwilling skipper of the ship, knew the meaning of the last shot. He knew that the L4 had given fair warning and he knew that the next shot would be aimed at his ship. And it was at point-blank range! Capt. Johnson telegraphed the engine room signalling the engine to stop.

His decision in defiance of the pirates' threat, was too late. There was a flash from the submarine's gun and a shell hit the Irene, piercing her side on the waterline. The shell landed in the engine room and disabled the ship, smashing the engine and putting it out of action.

The shot—miraculously it seemed—saved the life of the Chief Engineer, Mr. A. Hodge. It killed the pirate who was covering him with a gun and threatening him with death if he dared to stop the engine. In fact, the Chief Engineer felt that the pirate was on the verge of pulling the trigger anyway because of the excitement and confusion created by the shelling.

That shot started a fire that almost completely gutted the ship. As the fire spread and intensified, sailors on board the L4 saw people jumping into the sea to escape the burning inferno.

Lt. Halahan ordered his submarine to go as near as possible to Irene. The L4 went alongside and her crew rescued many who were struggling in the water. They dived repeatedly into the water to pull out those who were in difficulty. The rescue operation lasted throughout the night. The submarine crew rescued more than 220 out of 258 passengers.

UNACCOUNTED

Another naval craft picked up a dozen or so later. Twenty-four persons were unaccounted for and were believed to have perished.

The L4, while performing the night-long rescue operation, was maintaining wireless communication with the naval yards in Hongkong. The Naval Authorities sent HMS Magnolia, HMS Stormcloud and later the tug Alliance to the scene. HMS Dohi, which was on exercise nearby and had intercepted the submarine's wireless message,

rushed to the burning ship to help. With other ships standing by, the L4 steamed for port, arriving in Hongkong about 3 am on October 21. She carried on board all the passengers she had rescued including three men who were later identified as pirates.

In the meantime, having been holed and almost completely gutted by fire, the Irene sank. The shelling of the Irene by the British submarine had political repercussions. Two months after the incident, Dr. C. C. Wu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government, handed a note to Sir Miles Lampson, the British Ambassador, protesting against the shelling of the merchantman.

FLAGRANT

The note alleged that the action constituted a flagrant disregard of international law and humanitarian considerations because of the many passengers on board. The note argued that the Irene was not a pirate ship, put a pirated ship, and as she herself was a victim, she should not have been destroyed.

Seven people were subsequently identified as pirates. They faced criminal proceedings before the magistrate. Mr. R. E. Lindell, at Central Police Court later the same month, on a charge of piracy. They were committed to the Supreme Court in November and were sentenced to death.

Incidentally, only one of the seven pirates—was legally represented by Counsel, Mr. Leo D'Almada, a Castro, Jnr, who had been admitted to practice on October 24, was briefed by his father to represent one of the charged named Hung Kwan. It was Mr. D'Almada's first case since his admission to practice on his return from the United Kingdom.

There was another strange sequel to the Irene piracy some two years later. The owner of the ship brought a civil action against Lt. Col. Halahan claiming for \$350,000 damage and \$1,000 a day for the loss of use of the ship. The action was brought before the Supreme Court in Hongkong, but after many hearings the presiding

judge awarded judgment to the help. Naval Officer who claimed that he had fired on the Irene at the express order of his superior officer.

GAOL BREAK

There is a postscript to this piracy, almost as sensational as the story of the piracy itself.

It was told recently by a senior Hongkong Government official who retired and left for England.

Before the Irene pirates went to the gallows they tried to break out of Victoria Gaol by overpowering a European prison officer who went into the condemned cell with water for them.

Men in the condemned cell in these days were handcuffed and chained to the heavy bed boards. All the Irene pirates were in the one cell.

One day, one of them called for water. The regular warden was away having tea. Another warden got the water and although unescorted, as regulations demanded he should be, he took it to the cell and left it by the door.

The prisoners called out "We can't reach it." The warden picked it up and put it within reach. He was grabbed by the prisoners. They took the keys of their handcuffs and his revolver and then silenced the warden.

MOST EXCITING

Then they dashed to the key board in the hope of unlocking other cells and staging a mass prison break.

Now other wardens rushed on to the scene. An Indian was shot down as he tried to grab one of the pirates and another European whose revolver misfired was also wounded, but within an hour the pirates had been overpowered.

"They were never out of the main cell block. And even if they had they would still have been the external walls to clear. Their aim was to get as many guns as they could and set the other prisoners free. It didn't come off but it was one of the most exciting half hours I've ever known," the Government official said.

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6.30 p.m. Thursday Club. Introduction by Robert Johnson. 7.00 p.m. Signal. Programme Summary. 7.15 p.m. Portuguese Half Hour. 8.30. Variety Hour. 9.00. Philharmonic. 9.15. The Combination Music Case. 9.30. The Combination Music Case. 9.45. The Combination Music Case. 9.55. The Combination Music Case. 10.00. The Combination Music Case. 10.15. The Combination Music Case. 10.30. The Combination Music Case. 10.45. The Combination Music Case. 11.00. The Combination Music Case. 11.15. The Combination Music Case. 11.30. The Combination Music Case. 11.45. The Combination Music Case. 12.00. The Combination Music Case. 12.15. The Combination Music Case. 12.30. The Combination Music Case. 12.45. The Combination Music Case. 1.00. The Combination Music Case. 1.15. The Combination Music Case. 1.30. The Combination Music Case. 1.45. The Combination Music Case. 2.00. The Combination Music Case. 2.15. The Combination Music Case. 2.30. The Combination Music Case. 2.45. The Combination Music Case. 3.00. 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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

MR 'CANADA'S' C'WEALTH PLAN

Determined To Have Outline Ready For Meet

By FRED MANOR

Winnipeg, Sept. 4. Canada's new Prime Minister, John Diefenbaker, is determined that his officials have at least an outline of a Commonwealth trade plan ready for the conference of Commonwealth finance ministers, who will meet in Ottawa on September 23.

Mr Diefenbaker is in a hurry, and he has three compelling reasons to push matters fast:

(1) He must soon go back to the country for a definite mandate, and he must impress the electorate with a swift solution of some of Canada's trade problems, particularly that of declining wheat exports.

(2) He must convince his highly sceptical Commonwealth colleagues that an improved Commonwealth trade plan is feasible, and should be given preference over any British involvement in the European Common Market scheme.

(3) He wishes, by brandishing his Commonwealth trade plan, to scare the U.S. Congress into restricting, if not entirely abandoning, the give-away programme, whereby U.S. wheat is, to all intents and purposes, given free to nations which would normally pay dollars for Canadian wheat.

Some Success

It can be reported at this early stage that Mr Diefenbaker's endeavours have met with some success. His psychological warfare against the U.S. Congress, consisting so far, of threats to divert one-third of Canada's foreign trade from the U.S. to Commonwealth markets, has produced a near-panic among U.S. Senators, whose states would be hardest hit by any such move.

Moreover, the fledgling Conservative administration has been specially favoured by Mother Nature, which has just blessed it with a catastrophic wheat harvest. This year's wheat crop will be only 202 million bushels, a nose-dive from the 616 million bushels last year, or from the record crop of 1952 of 678 million. The poor harvest will reduce the Canadian wheat surplus to manageable proportions, and also relieve pressure on the Treasury hard put to find ready cash for advances to reticent farmers.

However, Mr Diefenbaker's run of luck has not gone as far as convincing his Commonwealth colleagues of the practicability of his trade ideas. Officials in Ottawa are reported to be sweating in their efforts to prepare some scheme that would shake the persistent cynicism of such sceptics as Australia's Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies.

Quite Clear

Mr Menzies, who recently visited Ottawa, has made it quite clear that he sees no need to worry about the Commonwealth market, as the Commonwealth nations already have all they want.

This, of course, is the kernel of Mr Diefenbaker's troubles. Obviously, he is committed to divert to the Commonwealth, and above all to Britain, roughly \$220 million in trade. The magnitude of this target may be seen from last year's trade figures: in 1956 Canadian imports from Britain amounted to \$100 million, which, incidentally, was an all-time record. Imports from the U.S. amounted to almost nine times the British figure, \$1,400 million.

A British exporter, faced with a choice of a dollar market soon finds out that the sterling market is much easier, with conservative tastes reflecting those of Britain, and hardly any competition.

On the Canadian market, however, the exporter has to contend with a stiff competition, is asked for speedy delivery, expensive packaging, and styles and patterns that will not sell at home.

Whatever the destination of the British exports, the manufacturer will always collect sterling so that for him, personally, the advantages of a

dollar market are, to say the least, dubious. He might find his profits sharply reduced without any compensatory advantage.

Dominates

Take such examples as shoes, or textiles. Britain dominates the Canadian market in imported shoes, but has not made any impact on ladies' shoes. This is because of U.S. competition, which in an article of quickly changing fashions offers prompt deliveries and fancy styles that appeal to Canadian customers.

The same applies to cotton goods, where Britain sold to Canada \$4 million worth, as against \$22 million sold by the U.S. Every importer will admit that British cottons are at least as good, if not better than the U.S. product. But the U.S. styles, packaging, and speedy delivery make the U.S. goods more desirable.

In iron and non-ferrous metal products—which include cars, airplane engines, spare-parts and all kinds of machinery—Britain is outsold 10 times over by the U.S. and, moreover, suffers a grievous competition from Germany. Here again an example should suffice.

The Manitoba provincial government has engaged in Britain a probation officer for adult offenders. Because of the vast distances a probation officer has to cover here, he is normally provided with a car. Imagine the dismay of this newly-arrived British probation officer, told by the government authorities that they have ordered for him a German Volkswagen.

Experts in Ottawa believe that trade with Britain can be gradually expanded, if only British exporters can be persuaded to show more interest in Canada. Given such interest, plus active support from Government authorities both here and in London, a yearly increase in trade with Britain to the tune of \$20 to \$30 million is well within the realm of possibility.

Visionary Target

However, the \$220 million diversion is a visionary target, believed to have been set principally to frighten the U.S. It could only be achieved by government bulk purchasing by Canada, and government-organised sales by Britain.

The other week the powerful U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee was told by an Eisenhower administration official that Mr Diefenbaker might be in the position to put in "some rules and regulations" to divert trade from the U.S. And, needless to say, the Senators did not like it.

While Mr Diefenbaker has been busy scolding the Senate Agricultural Committee, he has been very careful not to scare away U.S. capital investment. Some legislation may be prepared to force U.S. companies operating in Canada to have more Canadian directors on their boards; and domestic tax relief should help to entice Canadian investors into joining the U.S. risk capital that is still pouring into Canada.

However, it is doubtful whether any tax concessions will suffice to persuade the over-cautious Canadians to abandon their gilt-edged bonds and risk their money on developing the country. It is this reluctance of the Canadians to put out cold cash for risky ventures—and not shortage of native capital—that has led to such vast U.S. investment in Canada.

Well Aware

The Diefenbaker administration is a minority government with 141 seats in the 265-seat House of Commons. And Mr Diefenbaker is well aware that only in French-speaking Quebec can he obtain, in a future elec-

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$185,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI		615	
WATERFRONT	0015		
DECKERS, LTD.	7.80	8	150 @ 20
IK. Wharf	122		
LAND, LTD.	12	12.20	200 @ 12.20
HUMPHREYS	15.40	15 1/2	
STAR FERRY	30 1/4	30 1/2	50 @ 30 1/2
AMALGAMATED	10.10	10.20	802 @ 30 1/2
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PEAK TRAM CASE WIND-UP

Defence Counsel Makes His Closing Address

Mr R. H. Hindmarsh, Defence Counsel in an action brought by Mr Karel Weiss against the Peak Tramways Ltd, said this morning that it would be an extraordinary state of affairs if the continuous purchase of goods for a long period were construed as a contract.

Making his concluding submission before Judge K. R. Macfee in the Victoria District Court this morning, Mr Hindmarsh suggested that Mr Weiss had had a supply of tickets on hand and was "surprised" at having not received further orders from the Peak Tramways. He therefore wrote to the latter appreciating further orders.

Mr Weiss, Managing Director of the plaintiff company, The Graphic Press Ltd., of 4 Queen's Road Central, is represented by Mr Lawrence Leong, instructed by Mr D. L. Ho and Roberts, of Hastings and Co., of Deacons, is representing the Peak Tramways.

No Evidence

The claim is for work done and material used in pursuance of a verbal agreement that the Peak Tramways would buy up a reserve stock of tickets. Alternatively, the printing firm claims damages for breach of this verbal contract and costs.

Continuing his submission from yesterday, Mr Hindmarsh said that there was no evidence that plaintiff had any particular stock of tickets at any particular time, but on the contrary there was evidence that these tickets had been delivered in delivery.

It would appear that the only purpose of carrying on a stock would be to meet the needs of the Peak Tramways whenever these needs arose. However, it was perfectly clear that Mr Weiss had not succeeded in "meeting the needs" of the Peak Tramways with regard to the delayed tickets in September, 1956.

Counsel for the plaintiff had suggested that tickets for certain denominations were more important than others and that more important ones had been delivered on time. That had been denied, Mr Hindmarsh said.

Mr Hindmarsh continued that Mr Weiss had failed to complete the orders within a time specified.

Delay Admitted

In any case, the general delay of the delivery of tickets had been admitted by the plaintiff. There were also misprints in the tickets, and finally the Peak Tramways decided to buy the tickets elsewhere, Mr Hindmarsh said.

Reading a letter by the Peak Tramways to the plaintiff, Mr Hindmarsh said Counsel for the plaintiff had suggested that the denial of the existence of a contract showed that one had a guilty conscience. The insinuation was that there was something to deny. "I think the defendants are entitled to deny the alleged existence of the contract and their denial is quite consistent," Mr Hindmarsh continued.

Referring to the evidence, Mr Hindmarsh said the defence was that at no time was there any mention of the word "stock" in any dealings between Mr Weiss and the Peak Tramways. There was also evidence that Mr Andrews had said there was no standing arrangement with the Graphic Press.

Mr Andrews, Mr Hindmarsh observed, was Traffic Supervisor, and had never at any time had the authority to commit the Peak Tramways to anything they required.

Repeat Orders

The letters as presented to the court were repeat orders of tickets and the word "stock" was never mentioned in these letters, Mr Hindmarsh said. "It would be an extraordinary state of affairs if whenever you purchase for a long period a quantity of goods from a certain firm that would be construed as a contract."

It was not sufficient for the plaintiff to prove that he had had a stock; he must also prove he had an agreement with the Peak Tramways who were under obligation to buy up this stock, Mr Hindmarsh said.

He submitted that the evidence of the Defence was not shaken at all. The various dealings with the Graphic Press were separate orders entered into separately and paid for on each occasion. He submitted that in these circumstances there had been no question of a continuation of a contract. Hearing is continuing.

GOVT'S NEW MOVE ON BRIDGE

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the effect on the harbour and here the promoters will do all they can to satisfy shipping circles that the bridge will not be a hazard. It is also possible that a marine control station can be established on the bridge which would facilitate the handling of incoming and outgoing vessels.

"From the preliminary investigations it is considered that they Hydraulic Research Laboratory will find that the construction of the bridge will not adversely affect the harbour."

"The promotion of this bridge will be undertaken by a development company formed by Hongkong Realty and Trust Co Ltd which will be charged initially with the duty of carrying out a detailed survey. In the connection it is hoped in the near future to appoint officially Messrs Scott, Wilson and Kirkpatrick and partners a consulting engineers for the project."

Given Advice

"They have since the inception of this scheme given the promoters advice and carried out extensive preliminary investigations as to the feasibility of constructing a cross-harbour bridge."

"One of the main problems to be solved concerns the foundations of the piers and in this connection it is hoped that the engineers will be able to commence borings in the harbour bed later in the year," Mr Allport concluded.

Governor Praises Work of WHO

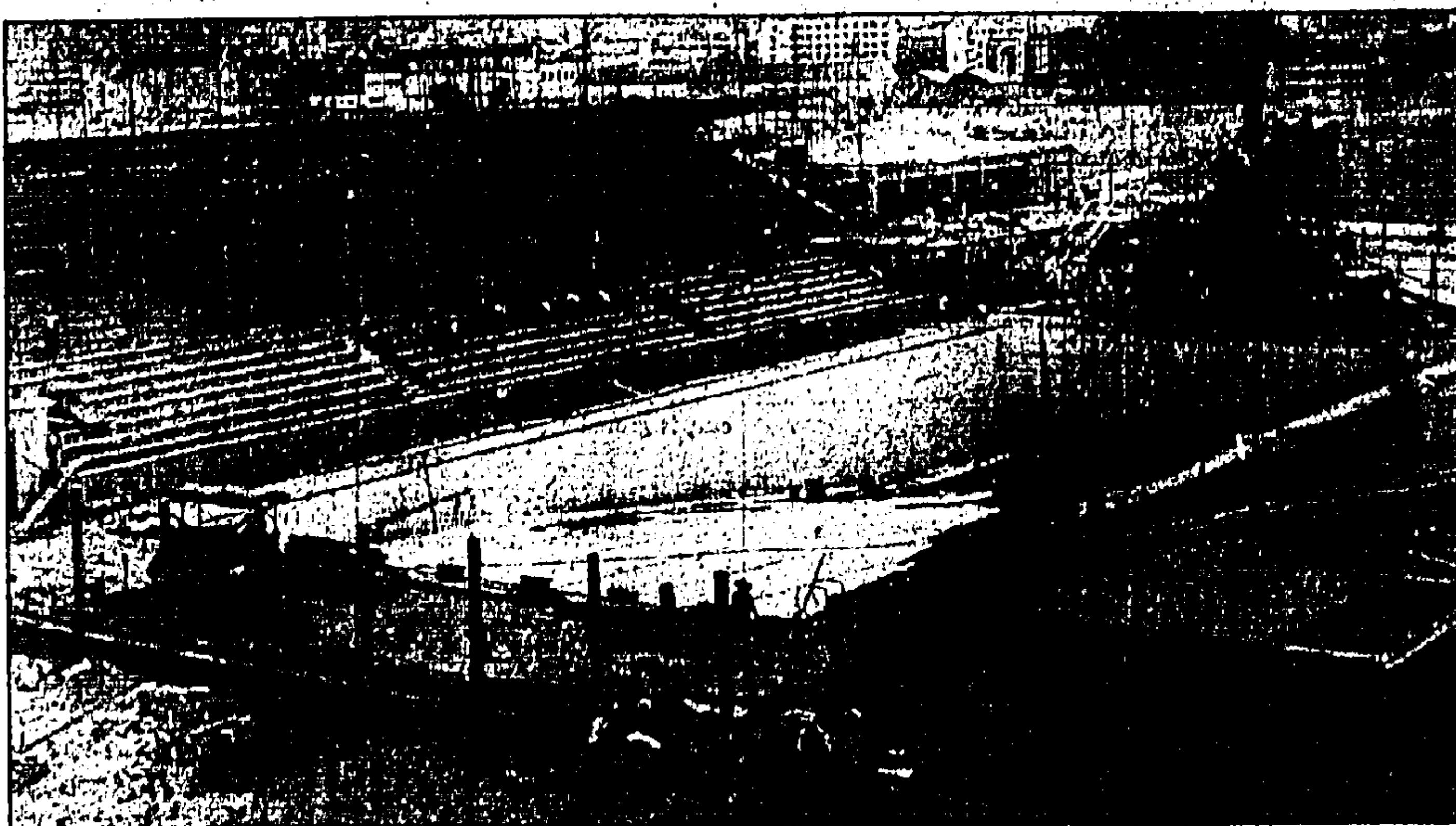
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Western Pacific Regional Director, and Dr G. Graham-Cumming, Deputy Director of Medical and Health Services in Hongkong, who is chief representative for the United Kingdom.

Dr Graham-Cumming was elected Chairman of the session. Others elected were Dr Leroy Burney, Chief United States representative, Surgeon General of the US Public Health Service (Vice-Chairman), Dr Yun Sun-yun of Korea (Rapporteur in English) and Dr Le van Khai of Vietnam (Rapporteur in French).

Dr H. B. Turbot of New Zealand was designated as Chairman of the Technical Discussion Group.

VICTORIA PARK POOL NEARING COMPLETION



The Victoria Park swimming pool is rapidly nearing completion and will be opened by His Excellency the Governor on September 25 at 6 p.m. The pool, which will be under the management of the Urban Council, was built from funds donated by the Jockey Club. This China Mail photo shows a general view of the pool looking towards the deep end with the stand on the left and the diving tower at the far end.

AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL VOICE COMING HERE

America's "Most Beautiful Voice" is coming to the Colony next week in the course of an 18-day "Magnum" tour of Japan, Hongkong and Bangkok.

The charming American miss, who is now secretary in the legal department of MGM studios in Hollywood, was the winner of NBC's "Most Beautiful Voice in America" contest last May.

The secretary, Irma Jean Gaertner, of Hopkins, Minnesota was first introduced to radio work during World War II when she was master of ceremonies for a USO programme.

Although, after the war, several large companies offered her announcing positions, she never furthered the professional development of her vocal prowess.

Since winning the contest, Miss Gaertner has made guest appearances on radio and television, parties and interviews. Her first trip to the Far East, Miss Gaertner is expected to arrive here next Wednesday by Japan Air Lines from Tokyo. She will stay here for a few days before visiting Bangkok.

MAN KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

A 46-year-old Chinese, Ma Yip, was fatally injured when a private car struck the hand cart he was pulling in Waterloo Road at about 5.15 a.m. today.

To Tong, a 61-year-old Chinese, received serious injuries when he was knocked down by a bicycle in Carpenter Road yesterday. The injured man is being treated in Kowloon Hospital.

A five-year-old Chinese boy, Law Mei-shick, was knocked down and seriously injured by a lorry in Tung Tau Village Road yesterday. The lad is receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

Car Lights Stolen

Two headlights were stolen from a private car parked in Gloucester Road on Tuesday night.

NEW MARYKNOLL SCHOOL WILL BE V-SHAPED

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

A bigger-than-ever school among the Maryknoll Sisters' educational projects in Hongkong is taking shape and will be ready for occupation within the next two months.

Large enough to accommodate more than 700 girls in one session, the new school is being built to replace the old, small structure at 140 Caine Road.

Designed like the letter "V" but with its point flattened, the new building is five-stories high. Built on an area granted by Government, the school occupies a site sandwiched between Blue Pool Road and Tai Hang Road and will cost about \$2 million to construct.

At present, the construction work is about two-thirds completed but the school will soon be moving in while the builders put the finishing touches to it.

Covered Playground

The new school has a covered playground on the ground floor of one of its wings. There are 10 classrooms, each large enough to accommodate 40 students.

There will be a chapel, a school hall that can assemble 1,000 children, library and laboratory, in addition to classrooms.

The present Maryknoll School in Caine Road has accommodation for about 500 girls who attend classes in two sessions. But the new school will cater for 720 girls including students from the primary stage.

The ground is big enough for further development and

Suspected Thieves Detained

Two Chinese were detained following the theft of a wallet from the jacket pocket of a man on a bus in Pak Hoi Street yesterday afternoon.

The incident was seen by the bus conductor who told the driver to drive straight to the nearest Police station.

The Police have detained a suspect for stealing a wallet from the pocket of an American at the Star Ferry Wharf in Kowloon yesterday.

A suspect was detained following the theft of some money from a Chinese who was sleeping on the pavement in Waterloo Street early yesterday morning.

TELEVISION TALENT RESULTS

Results of Television Talent Contest held on Monday.

FIRST: Bernardo and Santos, mandoline and guitar.

SECOND: The Chequers SMILE Group, No. 8 Coy, R.A.S.C.

THIRD: Ted Fretwell, whistler.

The judges were three independent viewers, unknown to each other.

BID TO IMPORT 145 BARS OF GOLD

A crew member of the vessel, Wing Shun Lee, appeared before Mr Hing-shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court this morning and was remanded four weeks on a charge of importing gold without a licence.

Defendant, Cheung Shiu, 33, of 107 Main Street, third floor, was alleged to have imported 145 bars of gold weighing 707.48 tins at Tai Hing Wharf, Canton Road Central yesterday.

Defendant, who was on bail of \$10,000, is represented by Mr Gerald de Basto instructed by Messrs D'Almeida & Mason.

De Basto asked for reduction of bail from \$10,000 to \$5,000. He said his client was earning \$100 a month and had a wife and daughter to support.

He also said his client had certain debts and affairs to settle during the coming mid-autumn festival.

Mr Hing-shing Lo, however, fixed the bail for \$5,000.

POST BOXES

The report stated that the demand for Post Office boxes continued unabated and despite the inconvenience, many city firms unable to get boxes in the central post office were taking up boxes in outlying branches.

This factor plus the installation of additional boxes in the new office at Shamshuipo had the effect of increasing revenue from this source by \$10,942 over the estimate.

"With our rates among the cheapest in the world, the fact that revenue nowadays is almost double the expenditure will make it obvious that such results have only been achieved by sheer efficiency and hard work," the report added.

HK PARCELS 'VIOLATED' Post Office Report Out

The Postmaster General's annual departmental report stated today that there were 13 violations of parcel despatches during the financial year 1956-57.

"It is regrettable that the major cases occur on the Pacific routes," the report stated.

It did not elaborate on the "violations", but the report did say that eight bags of parcel mail sent in June, 1956 by Japanese ship to Aera were stolen while the vessel lay off the Nigerian coast.

There was a four per cent increase in the number of letters and packets sent over the previous year, the total number being 128,431,218. The number of dead letters received by the Post Office fell by five per cent.

Plans For \$110,000 Building

Plans for a six-storey building costing \$110,000, to be built at the junction of Kwoilin and Koa Lung Streets in Shamshuipo, were laid before the Tenancy Tribunal this morning.

Mr W. F. Pickering presided over the Tribunal comprising Mrs C. d'Almeida e Castro and Mr H. Slattery.

Mr A.Y. Hon of Messrs Hon and Company represented the applicants, Messrs Leung Yuesan and Tung Hoi-chiu, co-owners of No. 95, Kwoilin Street, who want to demolish the property and erect on the site a modern building of shops and domestic accommodation.

Mr V. L. Altier, instructed by Mr F. I. Zimmerman of Messrs E. Zimmerman and Company, appeared on behalf of several tenants including the Yue Cheong Lung business on the ground floor.

Mr P. C. Wong of Messrs M. K. Lam and Company represented twelve tenants who had filed opposing applications. Several tenants were unrepresented. For the benefit of these, the President explained the procedure. He said that the locality was neither the worst nor the best in Kowloon, and that the usual compensation in similar properties had a minimum basis of \$400 for a bed-space and \$800 for a cubicle.

OTHER FACTORS

He said that other factors taken into account were amenities of ventilation or verandah space in the accommodation, and additional payments were included in circumstances of hardship, such as serious sickness and the number of children in families affected.

He reminded the tenants that there were no back and fast rules, but the benefit of these was considered on its own merits.

Addressing counsel, Mr Pickering outlined another yardstick by which compensation could be assessed on the basis of \$14 to \$17 per square foot.

Mr Cheng Chung-chow, architect, made his report to the Tribunal, and described the existing property as an old-fashioned Chinese tenement house, some 45 years old. He said it would be a death trap in case of fire.

After evidence given by the co-owners as to their financial ability to support the scheme, the case was adjourned.

Departure Of CIGS

The Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer and Lady Templer are due to leave Hongkong tomorrow morning. The CIGS will inspect a Guard of Honour and Regimental Colour Party provided by the 1st Battalion The Green Howards (Alexandria, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment). The Regimental Band under Mr Stevens will also be on parade.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I'll tell you how I got out of doing dishes—I bought the wife a fine set of plates. She won't let me touch 'em!"

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